

Thousands of South African servicemen took part in a parade through the centre of Johannesburg yesterday to mark Defence Force Day and the centenary of the city. (Reuters)

Soviets more serious on arms cuts, says Reagan

U.S. President Reagan believes the Soviets are "more serious than ever before" about reaching an arms control agreement with the U.S., his spokesman said yesterday.

Reagan made his views on U.S.-Soviet relations known Friday in a meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand, who travels this week to the Soviet Union for meetings with Kremlin leaders.

The optimistic reappraisal on a U.S.-Soviet arms accord follows a statement by a senior Soviet official in London Friday that Moscow and Washington were in broad agreement on banning chemical weapons.

The official, Col.-Gen. Nikolai Chernov, added however that the possibility of Western private firms producing the chemical arms put an obstacle in the way of a final agreement.

Chernov, head of the directorate of the Soviet general staff dealing with arms control, told a news conference that the U.S. was unwilling to agree to strict control over private enterprise, which he said had the potential to produce and market such weapons.

"We have broadly agreed on all other aspects, including the system of control and verification and on site inspection. (AP, Reuters)

Huge wooden horse to be focus of Waldheim protests

VIENNA (Reuters). — A huge wooden horse will be the focus of protests by artists, journalists and historians when former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim is installed as Austrian president on Tuesday, the New Austria Group said on Friday.

The 3.5-metre-high sculpture entitled "A Horse Trained by the World," in ironic echo of Waldheim's early campaign slogan: "An Austrian Trained by the World," will be set up in central Vienna during the swearing-in ceremony.

The group said it was horrified by what it called the anti-Semitic tone behind Waldheim's election campaign, by the deception over his past, and by the willingness of many Austrians to suppress a sorry part of their history. (See Page 4)

Fly me to Israel, says would-be hijacker

KHARTOUM (AP). — A passenger aboard a Sudan Airways flight from Iraq to Sudan yesterday threatened to blow it up unless the pilot took him to Israel, but the plane, with over 100 passengers on board, landed safely at Khartoum Airport and the man was arrested, a Sudan Airways official said.

The official, who would not give his name, said the man was believed to be crazy and that no explosives had been found. According to the Sudan news agency, the man was Sudanese.

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Twenty hurt in supermarket blast S. African police units attacked; seven die

JOHANNESBURG. — Three black men in a car twice opened fire on government patrols early yesterday killing five patrolmen and wounding 12 others, all black, before police caught and killed two of the attackers, officials said.

The attack followed the latest bomb blast outside a supermarket in a white Pretoria suburb on Friday, in which 20 people were wounded, five seriously.

The government Bureau of Information said the clashes yesterday occurred in the Vosloorus and Katlehong townships, south-east of Johannesburg, starting at 12:30 a.m. and ending 2 1/2 hours later.

The pre-dawn attacks were among the most brazen in 22 months of daily violence. Rarely have officials reported such direct armed attacks by blacks on government units.

The bureau, in its daily news report, also said two other blacks were slain in the 24 hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday.

In Soweto, Johannesburg's black township, security forces shot dead a

19-year-old black man in the grounds of a high school. No other details were disclosed.

In the Kanyamazane township, east of Nelspruit, near the Mozambique border, the burned body of a black man was found, apparently slain by other blacks.

Twenty people have been wounded in what seems to be the latest of an unprecedented spate of urban bombings by black nationalist guerrillas.

Thirteen bomb attacks in towns across the country have now claimed three lives and injured more than 100 people since the white-led government imposed emergency law three weeks ago.

The latest bomb blast came shortly before closing time outside a supermarket in the Pretoria suburb of Silverton, intended for whites but used by blacks from a nearby township to shop.

One eyewitness said he saw people sprawled on the ground, including two women "with their legs

Likud stand against GSS probe rejected as 'ridiculous'

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Sources close to the Shin Bet yesterday dismissed as "ridiculous" the Likud's argument that a full-fledged investigation of the Shin Bet affair would damage the organization and interfere with or reveal its work methods.

The sources, implicitly rejecting the assumption on which the Likud's argument is based, said that the use of violence against terrorist suspects was "unusual" and, when deemed imperative, required the specific authorization of the Shin Bet chief or his deputy.

The sources said that in the recent past, agents had been suspended for using unauthorized violence. Shin Bet operatives routinely obtained the required authorization from above for every action and operation, and never went into the field without such "cover," said the sources.

Likud MK Uzi Landau yesterday said that he was willing to agree to an internal investigation of the affair but not a full scale judicial inquiry. He argued that such an inquiry would uncover the Shin Bet's method of operating and damage the organization. The implication was that such an inquiry would uncover a "can of worms."

The sources also revealed that when Renven Hazak, Peleg Radadai and Rafi Malka, the three Shin Bet senior officers who complained to Peres and former attorney-general Zamir about their chief Avraham Shalom, "no one in the Shin Bet knew why they had been suspended."

Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Energy Minister Moshe Shalom are expected not to insist on a vote on their motion demanding a judicial commission of inquiry into the Shin Bet affair at today's cabinet meeting. The two met with Premier Peres about the affair over the weekend.

The Likud, it is believed, can muster a majority in the cabinet against

Dispute over one word kept strike going

Office staff joining nurses for 24 hours

By MENACHEM SHALEV
For The Jerusalem Post
The hospital nurses say that if Prime Minister Shimon Peres had deleted just one word from the message he sent them on Friday, they would have been back at the hospitals this weekend.

Instead, the nurses begin the thirteenth day of their strike today. Joining them will be their administrative and clerical colleagues, who will abandon the hospitals for 24 hours this morning.

Prof. Dan Michaeli, director general of the Health Ministry, told The Jerusalem Post last night that the absence of administrative workers would not seriously affect patients already in hospital. But admissions and discharges would be seriously disrupted. Hospitals would also be dirtier, since cleaning personnel would not be at their jobs, he said.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office stated last night that Peres had not negotiated with the nurses, but had appealed to them to return to work.

But the nurses tell a different story.

Albert Almegro, a leader of the nurses' action committee, says that an "unnamed" mediator in Tel Aviv, who was in constant touch all day Friday with the Prime Minister's Office, had tried to reach an agreed formula for Peres's appeal.

The efforts fell through over one word.

The prime minister's appeal, call-

ing on the nurses to return to work at once pledged immediate negotiations "based on the government decision of June 25, and without prejudicing the nurses' right to raise their own demands."

The nurses, for their part, said that they would return to work immediately if Peres's message was changed to read "without prejudicing the nurses' demands."

Crucial talks today

Following a two-hour meeting last night between the nurses' leaders and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and Trade Union Department head Haim Haberfeld it was decided that Haberfeld would today convene all sides to the dispute to find a solution permitting the start of negotiations and an end to the strike.

Yesterday's meeting was requested by the nurses. Today's meeting will bring them together with Histadrut and government representatives, including the Treasury.

The government decided on June 25 that it would not engage in separate wage talks with the nurses, although it did agree to hold talks on "standards, working conditions and workloads."

The Magen David Adom strike, meanwhile, is effectively over, although MDA stations will be operating with reduced staff.

In the statement issued by Peres, — and rejected by the nurses — the premier pledged to "personally" fol-

low the talks which, he said, would be concluded within 6 weeks.

Although the nurses claim that it "was just a matter of one word," Michaeli told The Post: "Sometimes one word conveys the whole essence of the matter. The nurses have not given an inch in their ultimatum demand for separate wage talks."

The MDA sanctions and hunger strike were ended on Friday. Although workers announced that they would operate with only 50 per cent of the regular work force, the public was not expected to feel the effects of this step. Workers' demands were submitted to a Histadrut-government parity committee. If the committee fails to reach an acceptable solution, arbitration will be the next step.

Nurses, meanwhile, continue rejecting charges that the strike is causing patients' deaths. In a press conference on Friday, the nurses said that they were constantly on watch over patients in a critical condition, even "more so than in pre-strike days, when there were many more patients to take care of."

The nurses told the press of cases of patients who had died as a result of the chronic shortage of nursing staff in recent years.

Rachel Shaik, head nurse at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek maternity ward, said that the ward had had 85 babies with only 3 or 4 nurses in attendance. She told of a baby suffering from jaundice, whose mother had complained of the infant's listlessness. The overworked nurses

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Spy trial of IDF major in Haifa reported

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Israel Defence Forces and the police have refused to comment on press reports that an IDF intelligence major is on trial in Haifa behind closed doors, on charges of spying for Syria.

The report of the trial first appeared at the end of last week in the New York-based Yisrael Shelanu.

The trial of the major has

been an "open secret" among Haifa journalists for some time. But the court has imposed a strict ban on the publication of any information about the proceedings.

According to the report in Yisrael Shelanu, the affair has caused consternation in the army because the suspect's father is a well-known retired senior officer, who served in the Border Police.

The New York report also said

that Israeli intelligence had identified the officer, after interrogating terrorists captured in South Lebanon. The terrorists allegedly disclosed the officer's name, which they said they had heard from a Syrian intelligence officer who had trained them.

The report says that counsel for the accused are pleading their client's mental instability and fatigue.



The joy of victory: Martina Navratilova after beating Hana Mandlikova 7-6, 6-3 to win the women's singles at Wimbledon yesterday. Report page 7. (Reuters)

Battle today on future of Recanat

Post Economic Correspondent
Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno and Minister of Finance Moshe Nissim are expected to encounter stiff cabinet opposition to their proposal to empower the governor to suspend Discount Bank Chairman and General Manager Raphael Recanat.

Bruno has gone on record that he will demand full implementation of the Bejski commission recommendations that the heads of the major banks involved in the bank share collapse of 1983, including Recanat, be dismissed. Nissim has said that he fully supports Bruno.

But all Nissim's Liberal Party cabinet colleagues are understood to be opposed to forcing Recanat out or even to suspending him. Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday that he did not believe there would be a majority in the cabinet in support of Bruno's proposal.

The Labour Party ministers are to meet before the cabinet session to discuss the issue. In a television debate last night, Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir and Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsuri in effect rehearsed their arguments for and against Recanat. The Discount boss's most vocal supporter, Science and Technology Minister Gideon Patti, is abroad.

Israeli woman suspected of murdering husband faces extradition from Britain

By YORAM GAZIT
in Tel Aviv
and JERRY LEWIS in London
An Israeli woman appeared last Wednesday in London's Bow Street Court to face extradition on charges of murdering her husband in Ramat Gan 18 months ago.

Gitit Dozner, 37, known in Israel as Gitit Zehavi, is suspected of murdering her third husband, Yosef Israelov, 53, whose body was found in a car in the lake of the Ramat Gan park last January.

Dozner was arrested at her sister's home in Finchley, after the Israeli police had asked Scotland Yard to detain her. It is unclear whether she will contest the extradition request. She is due to appear again at Bow Street on July 9.

Police in Israel think that Zehavi, who was in the process of divorcing her third husband, Israelov, returned to Israel from abroad on a false passport just before the murder and left immediately after.

They think Zehavi drugged her husband and put his body in the car before pushing it into the lake. Investigation showed that Israelov had been drugged before drowning. A

pair of woman's shoes, a bottle of wine and a packet of male contraceptives were found in the car.

Police believe that the motive for the killing was financial. Israelov owned a house in Ramat Hasharon and a flat in Ramat Gan, and had considerable financial assets. He worked for the Dan bus cooperative.

A hearing in the couple's divorce case was to have been held the day after the discovery of Israelov's body.

The couple had separated a few months before Israelov's death, when Zehavi had been living in Europe. She claims that she was in Europe at the time of the murder.

Gitit Zehavi is said to have an extensive criminal record abroad. She grew up in Tel Aviv and was educated at religious schools. She tried twice to leave Israel as a spy-

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Haifa Port	37	21-34	34	34
Tiberias	49	18-29	29	29
Nazareth	47	18-29	29	29
Afula	47	18-29	29	29
Shimon	47	18-29	29	29
Tel Aviv	67	24-28	28	28
B-G Airport	56	20-28	28	28
Jericho	36	21-34	34	34
Gaza	70	24-28	28	28
Beersheva	36	20-28	28	28
Eilat	15	34-37	37	37

ARRIVALS

Yeshiva University Leadership Gathering in Israel, led by President Dr. Norman Lamm, to confer with the President, the Prime Minister and other government officials, and to study the impact on Israeli society of Yeshiva University's 1,600 alumni families in this country.

Gary Hart arrives

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Senator Gary Hart arrived here yesterday on the final leg of a fact-finding mission that has already taken him to Egypt and Jordan.

Hart, a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, arrived last night from Cairo where he told President Mubarak that Washington had not been active enough in moving the peace process forward.

Hart is due to meet Defence Minister Rabin today.

Flower-pot murder

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Police on Friday arrested a 40-year-old Holon man on suspicion of killing his ex-wife with a flower pot.

Sophia Nino, 37, was found lying on the floor of her Rehov Zamenhoff flat, shards of pottery surrounding her dead body.

Near the body, according to police reports, was the woman's ex-husband. The man was bleeding from superficial lacerations and was reported pale and "dumbfounded."

Police believe the man threw several pots at the woman, until one struck the fatal blow. The suspect has reportedly re-enacted the crime.

Nino was married to the suspect for 17 years; the two had an adopted six-year-old son. Police had received several complaints of domestic quarrels between the two since their divorce some five months ago.

The suspect was treated in Wolfson Hospital shortly after his arrest. He will be brought before a Tel Aviv Magistrate today for extension of his remand.

Arab council leaders plan Knesset protest

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. - Arab local council leaders and workers are to demonstrate outside the Knesset tomorrow to press their demands for budgetary parity with Jewish local authorities.

The demonstration is timed to coincide with a Knesset debate on the situation in Arab towns and villages whose local authorities have been on strike for a week.

The decision to stage the demonstration was taken at an emergency meeting of Arab local council heads here on Friday.

They also decided not to prepare schools for the start of the new term in September until more funds are made available.

The strike, which has shut down all municipal services with the exception of garbage collection, is ostensibly in protest against the Interior Ministry's procrastination in transferring a promised \$1.1 m. to the local councils.

ARENS INTERVIEW

The interview with Minister Moshe Arens which appeared on Page 5 of Friday's Jerusalem Post was by Post Political Correspondent Sarah Honig.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

No 'Gaza first' solution - Mubarak, Hussein

CAIRO (Reuter). - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said he and King Hussein of Jordan have agreed not to accept a "Gaza first" solution to the Palestinian problem.

Under the proposal, aired recently in Israel, the Gaza Strip would be returned to Egyptian administration before any accord on the larger West Bank area.

Mubarak told al-Ahram that he and Hussein saw the future of Gaza and the West Bank as interlinked.

Mubarak said he and Hussein did not accept as a solution the breaking up of the Palestine problem. "The future of the Gaza Strip must be associated with the future of the West Bank," he insisted.

The Post Diplomatic Correspondent, reports from Jerusalem.

Officials in Jerusalem were still unsure yesterday, after a further round of talks with the U.S. mediators, whether Egypt was surviving for the "best possible terms" in the Tabá arbitration dispute or whether it was now trying to back away from the arbitration process altogether.

Speaking after the talks in Jerusalem with State Department legal adviser Abraham Sofaer, who left yesterday morning for Cairo, the sources said that Israel had rejected Egypt's proposal that the British Mandate map be a basis for the arbitrators' discussion of the dispute and had proposed that "another map, not from the British Mandate," serve as the basis.

As to a disputed passage in the preamble of the compromise, Jerusalem has rejected an Egyptian formulation that Israel agree to "return to the 1967

armistice lines." In Israel's belief those lines did not accurately correspond to what the border should have been, as mapped out by the British demarcation team in 1966.

But Israel has assured Egypt, though Sofaer, that it is not demanding the "complete reopening for discussions of the Mandate borders."

Sofaer was due to meet Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid yesterday and to return to Jerusalem with Cairo's answers late last night or today.

The Israeli officials said that every time Israel had agreed to concede some point, Egypt had presented a new demand. "We are not sure whether they are trying to get the best possible conditions or whether they are no longer willing to go to arbitration," said one official.

Archeologists baffled by pagan artefacts at Tzipori

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TZIPORI. - Archeologists have discovered apparently pagan artefacts in the remains of a Jewish home here on the site of the ancient city of Sepphoris, near Nazareth.

The relics, all bronze, consist of a miniature altar, a bowl and the statue of a horned bull. They are all well preserved, although the rear part of the bull is missing, and were found amid a pile of earth and rubble in a disused cistern that once served the Jewish household.

The house itself belongs to the first and fourth centuries CE, while the bronze objects may be from the Canaanite period.

The finds, made by Prof. Jim Strange, of South Florida University, and his assistant Gary Lindson in the final days of the dig, are something of an enigma to the archeologists.

"If we had discovered a menorah (candelabrum) or some other Jewish artefact, I would have been delighted, but not puzzled," said Strange in an interview with The Jerusalem Post at the site last week. "As it is, we have an archeological mystery which we are going to have to come back and solve next year."

Strange, dean of the College of Arts and Letters and professor of religious studies at the South Florida University, said the bronze relics appear to be pre-Israelite. Yet they were apparently hidden in the cistern of the Jewish house sometime



A miniature bronze altar, bowl and horned bull are among the finds of an archeological dig conducted at Tzipori near Nazareth.

during the middle of the fourth century.

The archeologists and volunteers, from all over the U.S., have discovered four ritual baths (mikva'ot) in the underground remains of the house, giving conclusive proof of its Jewish ownership. Alongside one of the baths is a large vaulted chamber, with niches in the walls, that Strange believes was used as a changing room.

Sepphoris, the ancient capital of Lower Galilee, was at this period at the height of its power and importance. The inhabitants of the region later revolted against the Roman

Empire's eastern ruler, Caesar Galus. The revolt, which until now had been a matter of unsupported legend, was ruthlessly crushed by Galus and the city was burned to the ground.

The archeologists have found evidence of the burning in the form of crushed and blackened pieces of glass, pottery and other utensils. Strange said he believes the uprising and the Roman response are connected to the mystery of the pagan relics.

"Galus was a Christian fanatic who would not countenance the worship of idols. It seems logical,

therefore, that warned of the advance of Galus's legion, the owner of the objects hid them in the cistern and then replaced the cover, intending presumably to retrieve them later. He didn't because the city was destroyed," said Strange.

But there still remains the puzzle of what pagan objects were doing in a Jewish house.

"It is possible that they were keepsakes, albeit highly controversial ones, of the home owner or maybe one of his gentle slaves who had kept them as family heirlooms. We don't know, but we sure want to find out," he added.

Syria said ready to send extra troops to calm Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). - Syria was yesterday reported ready to send more troops to West Beirut to help end a 27-month militia reign that has turned the city into a haven for assassins, kidnappers and bank robbers. Other reporters spoke of 500 elite Syrian troops patrolling Moslem West Beirut.

The leftist Beirut newspaper As-Safir quoted Syrian Vice President Abdul-Halim Khaddam as telling visitors his government was determined to make a new security plan for West Beirut work.

"There are two weeks to test the response of all parties concerned with the plan. If we find reinforcements are required, we shall not hesitate to enforce security with a

direct Syrian instrument."

Khaddam's reported remark came a day after uniformed Syrian troops had appeared on the streets of West Beirut for the first time since they evacuated the city during Israel's 1982 invasion.

Syrian spokesmen in Beirut said there were fewer than 500 commandos and paratroops of the Syrian Army's crack special units patrolling in the Moslem sector of the Lebanese capital. But Beirut newspapers, radio stations and other sources placed the size of the Syrian force at 150 to 500.

The Syrian troops entered West Beirut without the agreement of the Lebanese authorities, a Lebanese official source said.

Police urged to take firm line against violent husbands

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Na'amat will hold a mass protest meeting in the national park in Ramat Gan on Tuesday morning against the failure of the police and other authorities to take decisive action to stop the murder of women by violent husbands.

Last night Masha Lubelsky, secretary-general of Na'amat, sent a telegram to Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev demanding that the police take a harder line against violent husbands. Based on three years experience of workers at Na'amat's Centre to Prevent Family Violence, Lubelsky said opening police files and arresting husbands was a powerful deterrent.

The day before last Monday's murders in Migdal Haemek and in Yavneh, Na'amat held a symposium on family violence where staggering

statistics about battered wives were disclosed.

Over 34 per cent of battered wives had been raped by their husbands, 51 per cent needed medical treatment after beatings and 18 per cent had had miscarriages as a result of beatings during pregnancy.

According to these statistics, only 6.9 per cent of wives' complaints to the police result in the opening of criminal files, and arrests are made in only 4.5 per cent of cases.

Complaints to the police in the wake of violence against social workers and other public employees have increased by almost 50 per cent in the last three years, according to a report on Kol Yisrael yesterday. Last year, there were 599 such complaints, compared to 340 three years earlier. And the number is expected to reach 800 this year if current trends continue.

'Nurses salary demands immoral'

By MENACHEM SHALEV

For The Jerusalem Post

"The nurses have violated all the accepted norms of behaviour," Professor Dan Michaeli, director general of the Health Ministry told The Jerusalem Post last night.

He also termed "irresponsible" recent allegations by doctors and nurses of "unnecessary" deaths in the hospitals with the former citing the nurses' strike and the latter the chronic shortage of nurses.

"As long as the nurses continue to believe that they have a stranglehold over the whole country, as long as they persist in undermining the country's health system - the nurses' strike will not end," Michaeli said.

The hospital nurses' demands for salary increases beyond the 12 per cent rise recently awarded them by an arbitrator were "immoral," he said.

The health system has been seriously hurt by the past year's budget cuts: in fiscal 1984/1985, the ministry cut \$15 million from its budget. "The recent 12 per cent pay rise alone cost the government more than \$18m," Michaeli pointed out.

"Nurses' salaries are not the worst in the country," he adds. "Any additional pay would have to be funded at the expense of medication and ser-



Dan Michaeli (Keren)

vices. The state's resources are integrated and the nurses must remember that they are also a part of the state. If we give them more, we'll have to cut other vital needs."

Sharply condemning statements about deaths caused by the strike or by the routine shortage of nurses in the hospitals, Michaeli said: "It is incomprehensible to me that professionals would choose to demoralise the public in such a manner."

Michaeli says that he has ordered any doctor or nurse who made such statements to report the alleged deaths to the ministry "tomorrow morning" - or else apologize publicly. Otherwise, he says, "we shall have to draw the appropriate professional conclusions."

"Israel has a hospital system on a par with the most advanced countries in the world," says Michaeli. "We have one of the lowest infant mortality rates. We have an unsurpassed kidney dialysis service. I regret very much that professionals have chosen to besmirch our fine record so irresponsibly."

Pregnant J'lem woman dies after discharge from Hadassah

A police autopsy scheduled for today at the Abu Kabir Pathological Institute will probably determine the cause of the sudden death of a four-months-pregnant Jerusalem woman five days after her discharge from Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus in "generally good health."

Naomi Azorai, 34, of Pisgat Ze'ev, was discharged from the gynecology department last Sunday after undergoing a month's intensive treatment for serious nausea. The release form, signed by the duty doctor, said Azorai had responded to treatment and was leaving "in generally good health."

On Tuesday, four days later, at approximately 12 noon, Menashe Azorai found his wife slumped over

the kitchen sink. He had come home to find out why she had not answered his repeated phone calls.

A police investigation found no traces of violence or forced entry to the couple's apartment. The request for an autopsy "is desirable" when the cause of death is unknown, and criminal activity "may be suspected," a police spokesman said.

A Hadassah spokeswoman yesterday dismissed any connection between the Azorai death and the current nurses' strike. She refused to respond to suspicions of possible negligence, insisting that "it would be irresponsible and unwise" for Hadassah to comment before studying the autopsy report. (Ilim)

Shamir camp angered by Levy criticism of 'about-face'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir's supporters were infuriated by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy's criticism of Shamir's "about-face" in the Shin Bet affair, as reported in Friday's Jerusalem Post.

"Shamir's desire to minimize the damage caused the Shin Bet and to enable it to function as efficiently as before were the reason for the vice premier's silence until last week," sources close to Shamir said.

"When it was revealed that the Shin Bet head's pardon request stated that he had acted with the knowledge and support of his superior, Shamir had to state his case - that until some eight months ago he

knew nothing," the sources said.

The anger in Shamir's camp focused on the remarks by Levy's supporters that while they had originally understood that Shamir was backing the Shin Bet they could not understand why, if indeed Shamir knew nothing of the affair, he was not pressing for an inquiry to clear his name.

Now that Shamir has made his position clear, the sources said, he believes that there is no need to discuss the affair further in public. Shamir believes that owing to the sensitivity of the subject and its impact on security, it should be handled not through the media, but from the inside, the sources said.

S.A. POLICE

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blown away from the knees down."

Some 2,000 black workers went on strike, the first major protest over the emergency in South Africa's vital diamond industry. De Beers Diamond Corp. said the strike crippled operations at four of its mines in Kimberley. The strike was in protest against the detention of 1,500 black unionists.

Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter left Zimbabwe yesterday after a stormy 36-hour visit in which he led a walkout by Western diplomats for a U.S. independence day diplomatic reception on Friday.

Carter led about 60 American, British, West German and other Western diplomats from the

American-hosted reception after David Karimanzira, the Zimbabwe Minister of Youth, began denouncing American and British foreign policy, and accused the U.S. of indirectly supporting South African terrorism.

The State Department yesterday requested an apology from Zimbabwe over the speech.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias announced on Friday his government was breaking off diplomatic relations with Pretoria.

Bishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday that he would not "waste time" meeting British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, expected in South Africa this week. (AP/Reuter).

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved husband, father and grandfather

MISHAEL ROSENBERG ז"ל

The funeral took place on Friday, July 4, 1986. Shiva at 30 Rehov Farbstain, Kiryat Moshe (opposite Angel's Bakery) Jerusalem.

Annie Rosenberg and the Family

In deep sorrow, we announce the death in old age of

HANNA LEPEK

mother of four generations.

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, July 6, 1986, at 3 p.m. at Herzliya Cemetery. We shall meet at the cemetery gate.

Esther Abeles and Family Erez (Abeles) The Massad and Shamos Families

On the first anniversary of our dear

SIMI OLCHEAN ז"ל

there will be a graveside memorial service in the Sanhedria Cemetery, tomorrow, Monday, July 7, 1986. We shall meet at the cemetery gate at 5 p.m.

The Family

With sorrow we announce the death of my dear husband and our dear brother-in-law

ERICH (Menahem) LEVENTHAL ז"ל

of Frankfurt on Maine

The funeral will take place today Sunday, July 6, 1986, leaving 2:30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlor, 5 Rehov Darna, Tel Aviv.

Shiva: Barnigdale Hayam Hatichon, 2 Rehov Hayam, Room 910, Bat Yam. (Start of Mincha 7:45 p.m.)

His wife, Bracha Leventhal-Maine-Becker The Ben-Dov family Issachar Dov Becker and family Herman Elern and family Eliezer van der Horst and family and all members of the family

Our dear

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The time and the place for the funeral will be announced later.

The bereaved: Enrike and Daniel Barenboim

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Dr. DAVID HEYMANS

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née Blumenfeld

In the name of the family Dr. Eva Blumenfeld

For details of the funeral, please phone 04-243572.

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We mourn the death of

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The funeral will take place in Tel Aviv tomorrow, Monday, July 7, 1986 (Sivan 30, 5746). For details, please contact the Tel Aviv Foundation, Tel. 03-438373, 03-438115.

Hanan Ben Yehuda Director-General, Tel Aviv Foundation

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a devoted friend who, by his outstanding deeds, promoted the educational and social welfare of our city. We share in the sorrow of Marjorie and the family.

Shlomo Lahat Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo

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deeply mourns the passing of a major benefactor, a true and devoted friend

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Lady Liberty's fete a show of patriotism

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Reporter

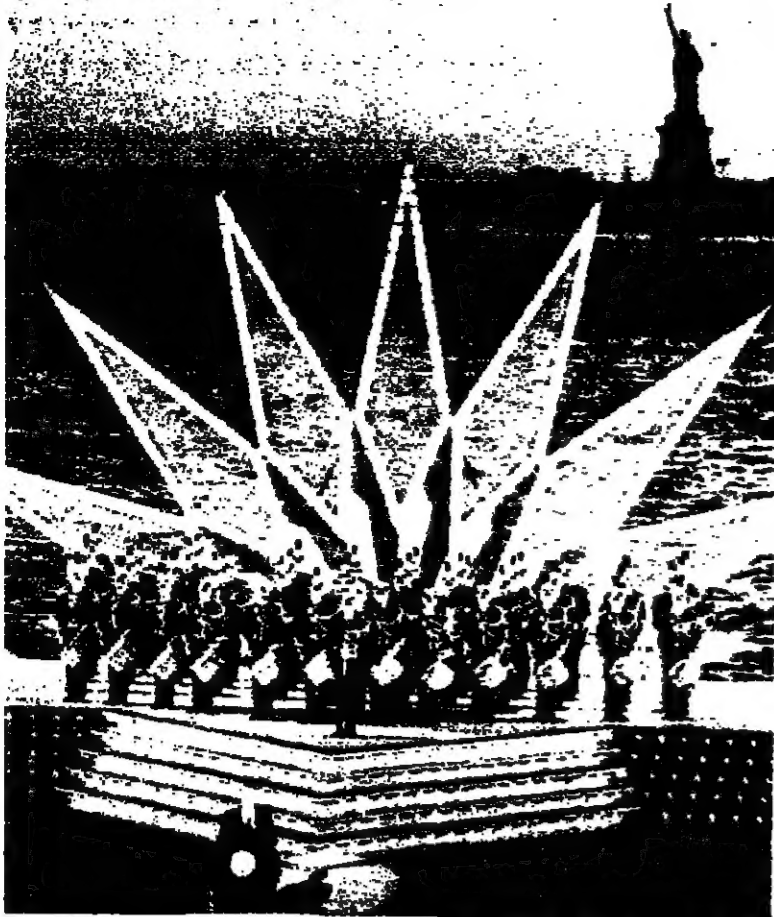
NEW YORK. — Even more than the bicentennial celebration held here 10 years ago, the Statue of Liberty Centennial in New York this week has been replete with the symbolism of a patriotic and self-confident America, a nation of disparate peoples united in celebration of common dreams and ideals.

The birthday party for the Statue of Liberty which kicked off last Thursday night with a gala "show biz" extravaganza featuring President Reagan and French President François Mitterrand, and such stars as Frank Sinatra, Shirley MacLaine, Gregory Peck and Elizabeth Taylor continued Friday with the sailing of tall ships from around the world and a gigantic fireworks display.

It has been an occasion when, in the words of ABC-TV anchorman Peter Jennings, "America is wearing its heart and its patriotism on its sleeve for all the world to see."

Mitterrand was the only world leader invited to the celebration. The French people donated Liberty to the United States a century ago. He spoke for two minutes in French, recalling France's role in the U.S. revolution and America's rescue of France in two world wars, surprising the audience by closing in English with the words: "Happy birthday United States. Happy birthday Miss Liberty."

These festivities have clearly been less a celebration of the Statue of Liberty and what it represents than a celebration of America by itself. The dominant impression has been of a nation healed from the divisions of the not so distant past, and united in the consensus that America remains, as President Reagan said Thursday night, "the keepers of the flame of liberty (which) we hold...high tonight for the world to see. A



French President Francois Mitterrand, foreground, backed by a military band, speaking at rededication ceremonies for the Statue of Liberty Thursday on Governor's Island with 'Lady Liberty' in the background. (AFP)

beacon of hope. A light unto the nations."

(Each person on Governor's Island paid \$5,000 for the privilege of viewing the pageant dedicated to the "tired" poor and huddled masses yearning to breathe free" immortalized by 19th century Jewish Amer-

ican poet Emma Lazarus in her famous poem dedicated to the Statue of Liberty.) The rest of the nation had to be content with watching the spectacle on ABC-TV, which plunked down \$10 million for the exclusive right to broadcast the extravaganza.

First Lady Nancy Reagan yesterday cut a ribbon reopening the statue to the public for the first time in two years after a major renovation.

Jews involved in the affair included the producer of the extravaganza, David Wolper, and five of the 12 people receiving Congressional Medals of Freedom (Henry Kissinger, Eli Weisel, Itzhak Perlman, scientist Albert Sabin, and 98-year-old composer Irving Berlin, who was unable to attend). Many of the entertainers and media personalities taking part were also Jewish — Neil Diamond, Henry Winkler, Ted Koppel, Barbara Walters to name a few.

Walters closed the evening's telecast by emotionally exclaiming, "My father's people came from England, and my mother's family came from Russia, and I believe I speak for many Americans when I say thank God they came to America when they did."

If the ceremonies Thursday night were mainly the preserve of the rich and famous, Friday, the 4th of July, was the day that the masses got to take part. Hundreds of thousands lined both banks of the Hudson to watch the majestic sailing of the tall ships up the river as far as the George Washington Bridge. Israel's ship, the Galaxy, flying a large Israeli flag was loudly cheered as it sailed up the river.

Narrating the sailing of the tall ships on ABC-TV, the indefatigable Jennings said that the home port of the ship was "Eilat in the Caribbean." Moments later, Jennings admitted, "I have just been informed that I made a mistake. Eilat is not in the Caribbean. It is in the Mediterranean." Jennings also mistakenly informed his nation-wide audience that "New York has more Jews than Israel."

PICK OF THE WEEK



SAVED. — Akif Muhammad, in dark vest, positions himself (left) and catches (right) an unidentified man who attempted to commit suicide by jumping seven metres from the balcony of Cleveland's John Hay High School. Police and therapists had tried for over three hours to talk the distraught man out of jumping. The man apparently believed that his god was angry with him. (Reuter telephoto)



BACK ON THE JOB. — Luise, the world's only drug-sniffing pig, goes back to work last week for police of Lower Saxony. Luise was suspended from duty because she was said to be bad for the police department's image, but an appeal from the Green party saved her from the slaughterhouse. (AFP telephoto)

Aussie twins first babies born from frozen ova

ADELAIDE (AFP). — The world's first babies born from frozen ova are thriving, a doctor at Flinders Medical Centre said yesterday.

Twins David Clive Christen — named in honour of Dr. Christopher Chen who pioneered the new procedure — and Cheryl Catherine were conceived using a technique resolving many of the ethical questions associated with *in vitro* fertilization.

They were born here Friday, and were said to be in excellent health.

The 29-year-old mother, who had been trying for years to conceive, is recovering well from the Caesarean

delivery.

The mother's Fallopian tubes were damaged seven years ago.

Three of her ova were removed, frozen, thawed, fertilized and then implanted. Two fertilized eggs survived.

A Flinders Medical Centre spokesman said the freezing technique "provides an alternative to embryo freezing by permitting the storage of surplus ova for later use."

The spokesman said the new technique "is expected to overcome many of the complex ethical, social, legal, moral and religious problems associated with embryo freezing."

Achille Lauro court urged to reject 'Palestine' claim

GENOA (AP). — The prosecutors in the Achille Lauro hijack trial yesterday urged the jury to reject defence arguments that the defendants are not terrorists but fighters for a Palestinian homeland.

Prosecutor Luigi Carli had his last chance to press the state's case against Mohammed Abbas, Palestinian Liberation Front leader, who is accused of masterminding the October 7 hijacking, and 14 other defendants. Abbas and 10 defendants are fugitives and are being tried *in absentia*. Among those in custody are the young Palestinian terrorists who seized the Italian liner at an Egyptian port.

One of the hijackers, Yusef Magid al-Molki, is accused of shooting to death Leon Klinghoffer, a 69-year-

old invalid American Jew, and ordering crew members to dump his body and wheelchair overboard.

In his final argument, Carli told the jury "This is not a trial against the PLO, the PLF, or the Palestinian struggle. We are dealing with the taking of hostages, one of whom was killed."

Carli has asked the jury to convict and sentence Abbas and Molki to life imprisonment, Italy's most severe criminal punishment.

One of the four terrorists will be tried separately in a juvenile court. Judge Lino Monteverde has told the other three hijackers they will be allowed to address the court tomorrow, before the jury retires.

The trial by a jury consisting of two judges and six laymen began June 18.

Malaysia rejects premier's appeal for two Aussies

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP). — Two Australians sentenced to death for drug trafficking are to be hanged here tomorrow after officials rejected a last-minute plea from Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke yesterday to stay the executions, a lawyer for one of the two men said.

Kevin Barlow, 27, who also holds British nationality, and Brian Chambers, 28, will go to the gallows at dawn tomorrow. Karpal Singh, the lawyer for Barlow, said.

He said prison authorities had told relatives to prepare to collect the

bodies and make arrangements for their funerals.

The mothers of the two condemned men and other members of their families spent some three hours with them yesterday, accompanied by an Anglican minister. In Australia Prime Minister Bob Hawke made an 11th-hour plea yesterday for a stay of execution.

Hawke's appeal, in letters to Malaysian Premier Mahathir Mohamad and the Governor of Penang, requested that all legal processes and entitlements be fully explored before the death penalty is carried out.

Nigeria releases ex-president, deputy

LAGOS (Reuter). — Former Nigerian president Shehu Shagari and his deputy Alex Ekwueme, have been released after spending 30 months in detention under the military government but their movements will continue to be restricted, official sources said Friday.

They were arrested when their four-year-old civilian government was overthrown in a military coup in December, 1983 and were believed to have been held under house arrest in Lagos.

The sources said Shagari and Ekwueme were taken to their native provinces, which they would not be allowed to leave.

A tribunal last January cleared them of allegations of corruption and recommended to the military authorities that they be freed, but their release was blocked pending consideration of various aspects.

Zimbabwe opposition MP wins torture case

HARARE (AP). — An opposition politician who said he was tortured by security officers was awarded 30,000 Zimbabwe dollars (\$17,000) damages against a government minister and two security agents.

The judgment, given Friday, is the first judicial backing for claims of torture and wrongful arrest. Amnesty International and other human rights groups have charged that political detainees in Zimbabwe frequently are tortured.

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said the Amnesty International report is a lie.

U.S. extradites Peron minister to Argentina

MIAMI (AP). — Jose Lopez Rega, former Argentine social welfare minister and a strongman of the Peron regime, was extradited early Friday and sent back to Buenos Aires to face government charges of right-wing terrorism, officials here said.

Lopez Rega, 69, said to be the founder of the extreme right-wing organization the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA), was flown to Buenos Aires in the company of three Argentine policemen. He had fled to the U.S. following the military coup of 1976.

Japanese find cobalt crust in Pacific

TOKYO (AP). — Japanese researchers say they have found a cobalt-rich crust under the Pacific Ocean, about 1,600 kilometres from Tokyo.

The crust on undersea mountains found in waters between 900 and 2,500 metres deep is believed to contain at least 0.5 per cent cobalt, researcher Yoshifumi Misawa said yesterday.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Crooner Rudy Vallee dies at 84

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Rudy Vallee, the first American "crooner" died at his home here Thursday night as he watched televised celebrations of the Statue of Liberty anniversary, his wife said. He was 84.

He had been operated on for throat cancer in February. The singer and actor — born Hubert Prior Vallee — created a sensation in the 1920s when he used a megaphone to amplify his voice in a rowdy New York night club where he was appearing with his group "The Yale Collegians."

Vallee was considered the forerunner of a long line of Hollywood crooner filmstars which included Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley. His greatest success — "I'm Just a Vagabond Lover" — launched him on a star-studded career in Hollywood musicals like "The Vagabond Lover," "Gold Diggers in Paris" and "Too Many Blondes."

Aerosol sprays said affecting children

CINCINNATI (AP). — Children can suffer toxic reaction from the gas in common aerosol spray cans, medical researchers here reported.

"Aerosol cans should not be accessible to children, and consumers need to be aware of the potential danger," said researchers in an article published in the American Medical Association Journal Friday.

The researchers, from the University of Cincinnati Hospital and Children's Hospital Medical Centre, reported the case of a 2-year-old girl hospitalized for seizures and irregular heartbeat after playing with a can of aerosol deodorant.

China devalues 13% in 'normal business step'

PEKING (AP). — The governor of the Bank of China said that yesterday's sizeable devaluation of China's currency against the U.S. dollar and other major currencies was a "necessary and normal business step."

The State Administration of Exchange Control devalued the renminbi yuan by more than 13 per cent in a move to help stem the flow of foreign exchange reserves out of the country.

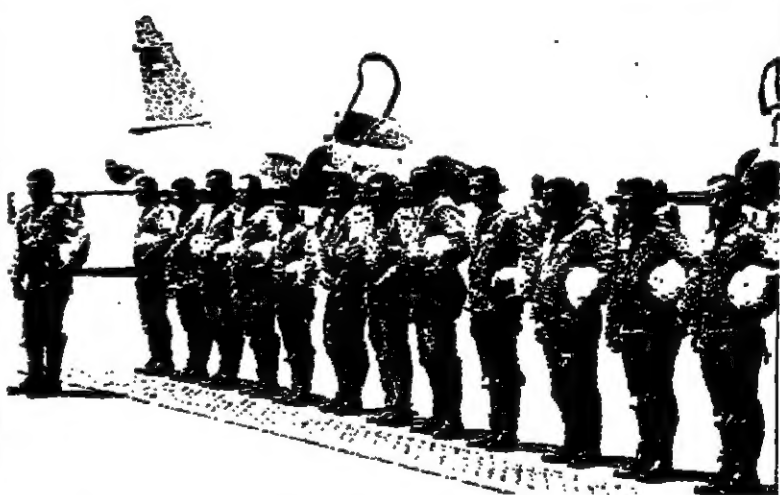
Chen Muhua, state councillor and governor of the state bank, told a delegation from the International Monetary Fund that China had raised domestic prices as part of its shift to a more commodity-oriented economy.



MEET THE BISHOP. — Wearing a grass skirt, feathers and a bone through his nose, Bishop Dai, Australia's newest bishop, was consecrated last week at Thursday Island, off the Queensland Coast. (Reuter telephoto)



IDENTIFIED. — Mhloni Letsatsi, a 66-year-old Soweto resident, holds up his new identity document. South Africa last week replaced blacks' pass books with the new identity document. (Reuter telephoto)



MIRAGE. — Egyptian Air Force pilots stand at attention in front of one of four newly-delivered French-made Mirage-2000 jet fighter-bombers.

Turkish Cypriots seal off 'republic' from Greek sector

ANKARA. — Border points along the "Green Line" demarcating the divided island of Cyprus have been sealed for an indefinite period. Dervis Eroglu, Prime Minister of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) said in a report monitored here yesterday.

The measure, taken Friday, applies also to diplomats stationed in Nicosia and to UN peace-keeping personnel, Eroglu said.

Some 400 UN peace-keeping troops were cut off yesterday in the Turkish sector. After the government of the self-proclaimed TRNC closed the demarcation line with the Greek sector.

The troops, from Denmark and Austria, were shut off at bases at Morphos, 35 km. east of Nicosia, and Famagusta, on the east coast. The decision to close the borders followed a controversial visit to northern Cyprus by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal during which Greek Cypriot authorities blocked

"Green Line" crossover points and prevented journalists from reaching the north of the island.

Rauf Denkash, president of the TRNC, said yesterday he was ready to negotiate with the Greek Cypriots the reopening of closed crossing points between the two sectors if the Nicosia government accepts that the Turkish sector has equal authority and sovereignty.

Turkey is the only country recognizing the TRNC, set up in 1983, nine years after the island was invaded by the Turkish Army. The northern part, inhabited mainly by Turkish Cypriots, broke away from the rest of the country.

The UN force has been in Cyprus since the outbreak of intercommunal clashes between the 120,000 Turkish Cypriot minority and the 600,000 Greek Cypriots in 1964. Its duties since the Turkish invasion have been to patrol the no-man's-land between the forces of the two sides stationed along the "Green Line." (AFP, AP)

Irish pianist wins Moscow contest

MOSCOW (AP). — Northern Ireland's Barry Douglas won first prize for piano in the prestigious Tchaikovsky contest Thursday, with the official jury announcement only echoing what hundreds of cheering, clapping Moscow fans already had decided.

A roar of "bravo" went up in the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory when jury chairman Andrei

Fanfani may form next Rome gov't

ROME. — A veteran politician charged with negotiating an end to Italy's week-long political crisis began his task yesterday by meeting with outgoing Socialist Premier Bettino Craxi.

Craxi, whose ruling coalition collapsed in the wake of feuding between his party and the dominant Christian Democrats, conferred for an hour yesterday morning with five-time former premier Amintore Fanfani, a Christian Democrat.

Fanfani, the 78-year-old senate president who is considered one of Italy's most prominent statesmen, on Friday was assigned by President Francesco Cossiga an "exploratory mandate" to determine whether the coalition can be revived.

Meanwhile, a six-year-old row continues to simmer, and will certainly rise to haunt any coalition in Rome.

The row concerns an Italian DC9 airliner which exploded in mid-air on June 27, 1980 while flying over international waters north of Sicily. All 81 passengers and crew were killed.

Scientific evidence has been in the hands of the Italian government since shortly after the disaster that the jetliner was hit by a stray Nato air-to-air missile. But successive Italian prime ministers have invoked a military secrets act passed by the Italian Fascist regime during World War II to prevent inquiries into this air disaster.

No one knows if the missile was fired from an Italian, U.S. or French fighter plane.

The judicial enquiry into the cause of the disaster, led by Rome magistrate Vittorio Bucarelli, is still going on after six years.

Each department of government in Rome also passes the buck when questioned about the Itavia disaster.

The "silent massacre" as one Italian newspaper called it, is likely to remain unexplained until some Italian government comes out into the open and reveals what it knows. (AP, LOS)

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A place where 'the positive will be stressed'

'Final solution' villa to become memorial

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

After many years of controversy, the Senate of the City of Berlin has decided to turn the villa in Wannsee into a memorial site. It was here that the decision on the Final Solution of the Jewish question was taken 44 years ago.

Dr. Ekkehard Klaus is on a week-long mission in Israel now on behalf of Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen to formulate proposals for the form the memorial is to take.

The tendency is to turn the villa into a "future-oriented" institution, perhaps an international centre for youth conferences, with the accent on teaching tolerance for minority groups. Klaus himself favours naming the building Janusz Korczak House, after the famous Jewish educator in the Warsaw Ghetto who went to the gas chambers together with his youthful charges.

"I would like to create a sort of umbilical cord with Jerusalem's Yad Vashem, even to the extent of erecting a replica of the Korczak statue on display there," Klaus told *The Jerusalem Post*. Money for the project will be available, he added, although no budget figures are yet available. A final decision in the matter is expected this year.

Mayor Diepgen, Klaus said, wants "a trinity of memorial sites." The Stauffenberg House, on the street of that name, contains a permanent exhibition recording the attempt on Hitler's life by a group of



Reinhard Heydrich (left), who convened the conference at Wannsee after receiving a letter from Hermann Goering (right) urging him to prepare the 'complete solution of the Jewish question.'

German officers belonging to the German resistance. The former SS headquarters building on the Prince Albrecht Street will testify to Nazi terror, while the Wannsee villa may be devoted to education for the future.

The former jail at Plötzensee, where many executions took place, has a memorial hall, but except for a plaque at the door and the entrance gate of the Wannsee villa, Berlin has no real memorial to the Holocaust.

The idea to turn Wannsee into a memorial and documentation centre was pushed for years by the ghetto fighter and publicist Joseph Wulf, who committed suicide in de-

spondency in 1974. A board of trustees to further the plan was set up in 1966, but later abandoned.

In the 1960s the president of the German Bundestag, Eugen Gerstenmaier, suggested that the building be torn down in order to eradicate the memory of the Wannsee Conference. In 1966, the then mayor of Berlin and later ambassador to Israel, Claus Schuette, was against creating any kind of "macabre site." He has now changed his mind.

The turning point in attitudes came with the famous May 8 speech of West German President Richard von Weizsäcker - a former Berlin mayor - marking the 40th

anniversary of the end of World War II in Germany. In this speech he advocated facing up to German responsibility for the Holocaust.

Today there is consensus among all party factions in the Berlin Senate that Wannsee should become a memorial site. However, they want not a "chamber of horrors," but rather a place where the positive is stressed.

The stately villa bordering on the lovely Wannsee was built by a German industrialist between 1907 and 1914. According to Klaus it was sold to the German office of Interpol in 1938, although other reports have it becoming the property of the SS in 1940. In any case, SS second-in-command Reinhard Heydrich chose it for the January 20, 1942 conference on the fate of the Jews, at which about 20 representatives from various ministries took part.

"Heydrich headed a neutral meeting place," Klaus said. The SS general actually expected resistance to his plans, and was overjoyed at the smooth cooperation he received instead. Adolf Eichmann, who was present, later reported that Heydrich was so happy at the results that, contrary to his usual habit, he actually smoked a cigar and took a glass of brandy.

After the war the villa was turned into a club for American officers and subsequently a vacation home for underprivileged children. The decision to relocate the children has already been made.

New technology mobilized for Jewish education

By MOSHE KOHN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Stepped-up production of printed and audio-visual Jewish educational material in Russian and Hebrew for Jews in the Soviet Union, and fostering the use of the new technologies in Jewish education, were among projects announced at or approved by the three-day biennial meeting of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (MFJC) at the Daniel Hotel in Herzliya last week.

Philip Klutznick of Chicago, veteran American civic and Jewish communal leader, was re-elected president of the foundation.

The first group of books for Soviet Jews, on Jewish history, holidays, heroes and heroines, will be ready by the end of this year, MFJC executive director Jerry Hochbaum told the meeting.

Among the young Soviet Jews who had a chance to study Judaism, Jewish history and Hebrew before being granted exit permits to Israel "there have been almost no dropouts," said Ben-Gruen University Prof. Yirmiyahu Branover. Himself a former aliya and Jewish culture activist in the

Soviet Union, Branover presented the report of the foundation's Committee on Soviet Jewry, which he chairs.

Branover said even assimilationist Jews "are in general easier to talk to" about Jewish identity while they are in the Soviet Union. This is because the pressures that their Jewishness exposes them to makes them receptive to the knowledge.

But once in the Diaspora, "they are very hard to talk to, because they have already made their minds up" to loosen, even to abandon, their ties to Jewry and Judaism.

Regarding educational technology, Klutznick, who is also chairman of the MFJC's Committee on Jewish Education and the New Technology, said the foundation would concentrate on making available audio-visual materials mainly for three sectors of Jewish life most requiring its initiative. These are dispersed Jewish communities; continuing Jewish education; and Jewish families living far from Jewish centres, or those not Jewishly affiliated but possibly open to high-level

Jewish educational material to use at home.

A pilot project will bring together 30 to 40 European Jews aged 25-40, who are Jewishly unaffiliated or uneducated, for a two-week "intensive Jewish-learning experience" at Carmel College, England, in August 1987. Participants will be academics, professionals and others among "the untapped human resources in the Jewish population," according to project organizer Prof. Jean Halperin, director of the University of Geneva Centre on Jewish Studies and chairman of the Congress of French Jewish Intellectuals.

Klutznick said that the purpose of the project would be to "train the most talented and intellectually gifted Jewish individuals for cultural advancement and leadership in the Jewish community."

The MFJC distributes about \$4m. in grants biennially to various institutional and private Jewish cultural and communal projects. These include the training of religious functionaries, teachers and other communal professionals for remote Jewish communities.



A Jewish Catholic group arrives in Vienna from New York on Thursday for a protest fast against the inauguration of former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim as Austrian president. From left: Glen Richter, Sister Rose Thering, Rabbi Avi Weiss, and Bobby Braum. (Reuters)

Peres to ask teachers to give up benefits

By BERNARD JOSEPHS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Peres is to meet teachers' leaders in a bid to persuade them to help education chiefs overcome a big budget crisis.

The prime minister is expected to tell the teachers that unless they are prepared to give up some of the benefits awarded them by the Etzioni report on pay and conditions, the nation's school system may collapse.

Peres agreed to meet the teachers after hearing from Education Minister Yitzhak Navon that Treasury demands for a major cut in education spending are impossible to meet, a senior Education Ministry official said last week.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim wants Navon to reduce teachers' hours by a total of 60,000 in the coming school year in order to slash education spending by \$22 million. But the education minister has pledged that there will be no reduction in school hours, and his officials say the money has already been allocated to finance educational projects.

The only solution, said the ministry

source, is for the teachers to agree to give up pay for non-teaching hours, which they are to receive according to the Etzioni recommendations.

"But," he added, "They have already indicated to us that they aren't willing to do this, and frankly we are not surprised. Last year they delayed receiving a pay increase and they say they're not prepared to give way again."

The source said no date had yet been fixed for the prime minister's meeting with the teachers, but it was expected to take place shortly. "An awful lot will depend on Peres's powers of persuasion. If the teachers don't give way then I think we may be in for our biggest crisis ever," he said.

"There simply is no other way we can save the money the Treasury is demanding, short of cutting back school hours across the board - and that we are not prepared to do," he explained. "We can't sack teachers either because the May deadline for cutting contracts has passed."

The official said that the Knesset Education Committee had also agreed to attempt to persuade the teachers to give way.

San Francisco protest vigil on Waldheim inauguration

By TOM TUGEND

Jerusalem Post Correspondent SAN FRANCISCO. - This city's diverse ethnic and religious groups will join in a "Vigil of Remembrance" on Tuesday, the same day that Kurt Waldheim is sworn in as president of Austria.

Taking part in the protest at the outdoor Holocaust Memorial in Lincoln Park will be representatives of the black, Chinese, Japanese, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish communities, and trade union leaders.

Included in the brief programme will be a flower-laying ceremony, the chanting of the mournful *El Maleh Rachamim*, singing of partisan songs and a talk by a Holocaust survivor born in Salonika.

The Rev. Norman Leach, director of the San Francisco Council of Churches, said the purpose of the gathering was to "demonstrate our displeasure, our anger, at Austria's choice of Waldheim as their elected leader."

Beth Hatefutsoth fellowships for four

By ERNIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Honorary fellowships of Beth Hatefutsoth were bestowed last week on Prof. Ephraim Urbach, Philip M. Klutznick, Beate Klarsfeld and Pinhas Ginsburg at a ceremony at the diaspora museum. The awards were given by Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel.

Ephraim Urbach, Hebrew University professor of Talmud and Midrash, and president of the National Academy of Sciences, received a fellowship for his life's work in the research of rabbinic literature of the Middle Ages, and for his many books and articles.

Philip M. Klutznick, 79, of the U.S., was honoured for the leading

part he played in many Jewish organizations, including the World Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. Under the Carter administration, he served as Secretary of Commerce.

Beate Klarsfeld, who was born into a Protestant family in Berlin in 1939 and married French lawyer Serge Klarsfeld in the early 1960s, was awarded a fellowship for her lifelong devotion to ferreting out Nazi war criminals and fighting anti-Semitism. Together with her husband, she was instrumental in apprehending former SS-leader Klaus Barbie, who is now awaiting trial in France.

In 1984 the Klarsfelds were made

members of the French Legion of Honour, and Beate has also repeatedly been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Pinhas Ginsburg was a leader of Zionist youth organizations in his native Koenigsberg, East Prussia. Coming to this country in 1933, he was among the founders of Kibbutz Ramat Hakovesh. Before the outbreak of World War II he was sent to Germany, where he was in charge of Zionist work, especially illegal aliya. After the war he returned to Europe for further help with the aliya of camp survivors.

Since then he has held leading positions in the Transport Ministry, Zim, El Al and the Ports Authority.

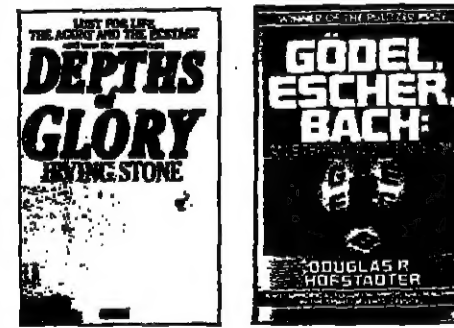
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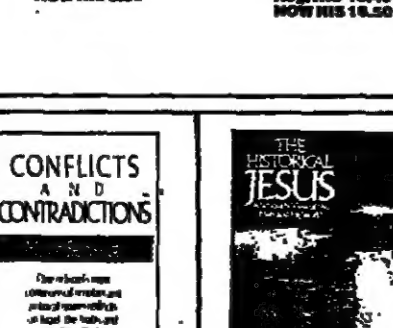
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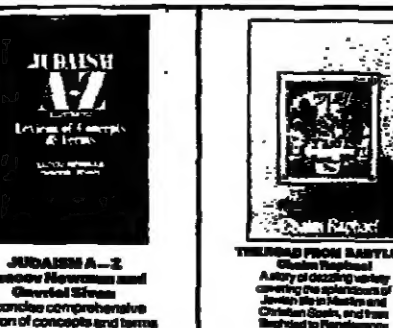
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Herzog praises proud record of Iraqi Jews

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nuzhat Katzav is usually associated with consumer affairs - but last week she was present at Beit Hanassi as chairwoman of the board of directors of the Association for the Promotion of Research, Literature and Art, one of her many other interests.

Founded 10 years ago by Jews from Iraq, the association encourages the intellectual and creative endeavours of the Middle Eastern communities particularly Iraq.

Speaking at the Beit Hanassi meeting, Tel Aviv University President Prof. Moshe Many said that although the number of students of Middle Eastern origin had gone up in the last 14 years, from 1,223 to 4,069, their percentage in the university student population had remained more or less the same 25 per cent at the first degree level, 14.5 at the second degree and 12.3 per cent

at the doctoral level. Katzav was quick to emphasize that of the 25 per cent over a quarter were Iraqi.

Author Sami Michael, chairman of the association's council, saw Iraqi immigrants' achievements here as natural. "We didn't come from a vacuum," he said. "We didn't arrive from a wilderness." He said he was proud that Iraqis had fewer inferiority complexes than other immigrant groups and presented a more realistic image of themselves and their history in their books and poems.

Noting that when the Jews of Iraq had come here thousands of years of Jewish life between the Tigris and the Euphrates had ended, President Herzog said Iraqi Jews had a better record than any other Diaspora community in responding to the call to come and build up the Jewish homeland.

No other exodus in Jewish history, except the exodus from Egypt, was comparable in terms of its drama and



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spontaneity, to the story of the Iraqi Jews. They had had very little time to prepare and they had left nearly all their material possessions behind them. But, said Herzog, they came rich in spirit and had quickly put down roots here.

Herzog said he was proud that both Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and IDF Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy, had been born in Iraq. Their achievement was the triumph of Zionism.

Maurice Jaffe: A persistence that turned dreams into reality

Dr. Maurice A. Jaffe, whose *Shloshin* will be marked this week, was delightfully and charismatically small, but spiritually he was six feet tall. Indeed, his entire being bespoke bigness - big dreams, big plans and big visions. Remarkably enough, his dreams and visions never remained, in the language of our mystics, "naked souls floating in mid-air." With Jaffe as the dreamer they became concrete and glorious reality.

Undeniably, Jaffe always began by building castles in the air, but those were only preface to the real palaces for God and country which he built in every part of our land. Thus in addition to the monumental edifice which Maurice Jaffe initiated and was responsible for in Jerusalem, he also saw to the building of 50 synagogues and youth centres in towns, villages and rural settle-

ments. To be sure, the funds came from the Sir Isaac Wolfson Foundation, but it was the zeal, energy and drive of the tireless Jaffe that assured materialization.

Jaffe's was a rich biography: he served as chief chaplain of the Jewish brigade, then, immediately after the war gave dedicated service to the World Zionist Organization in the political sphere (he was the dynamic secretary to S.Z. Shragai who served then as a member of the Jewish Agency Executive in London). From then on, and until his very last soul-stirring achievements, his was the career of a unique man driven since early youth by a divine power which commanded him to pioneer new concepts, to sponsor new ideas and to blaze new paths. He who was basically a very friendly and sociable individual found himself often in isolation because many of us - "practical," prosaic and well-meaning as

we were - found ourselves unprepared to share his dreams and unwilling to hitch our wagon to his starry dreams.

Fortunately Jaffe's zeal, dedication and persistence proved the gap between dream and reality was by no means insurmountable.

The crowning glory of Jaffe's long career of impressive achievements was, of course, the establishment of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue, the most beautiful house of worship in Israel and, perhaps in the world. It stands in all majesty as the permanent and glowing memorial to the man who dreamed the dream and gave it such glorious interpretation - Maurice A. Jaffe, who lived tirelessly but who died peacefully, knowing that the main goals of his life had been achieved.

Peace to his great and imaginative soul!
Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Kirshbaum

Taking it to the top

Legal experts have appealed to the Knesset to legislate reforms in rabbinical court treatment of divorce cases, Patricia Golan reports.

FIVE YEARS ago, Shoshana (not her real name) married a man who, she soon discovered, was sterile. Following artificial insemination, which her husband encouraged, she had a daughter. Further efforts to either cure the husband's sterility or impregnate Shoshana again, however, proved unsuccessful.

As a result of the many frustrating years of fertility treatments, the couple drifted apart, and Shoshana requested a divorce in order to bear more children "in the normal way" before she was too old.

Under Jewish law, it is the husband who must grant his wife a *get* (Jewish divorce). Since Shoshana's husband refused, she appealed to the rabbinical court. Her request was rejected by the court which stated that the biblical commandment "be fruitful and multiply," according to Halacha (Jewish law) applies only to men.

"A woman's right to have children," said the court, "is [interpreted to mean] having someone to support her in her old age and to bury her at her death." One child ("even a daughter") is enough for this purpose, said the rabbis, in denying Shoshana's divorce.

Furthermore, the court denied Shoshana's request for child support (the couple has been living apart for some time) since the daughter was not "of the husband's seed," despite the fact that the husband had requested artificial insemination.

Shoshana next took her case to the rabbinical high court of appeal, whose head, former Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, upheld the decision to grant neither the *get* nor child support money, stating that in according to the husband's request to be artificially inseminated, Shoshana "had performed an obscenity on herself."

Shoshana's story was one of dozens presented at the Knesset during a one-day conference organized last Tuesday by the Israel Women's Network lobby organization in an effort to persuade Knesset members to enact laws to reform the rabbinical court system.

In an unprecedented act of unity, all 10 women MKs had signed the letter requesting Knesset Speaker Shimon Peres to allow the women's lobby to hold the special session at the Knesset.

During the conference, a panel of legal experts — all of whom were observant Jews — issued a resounding condemnation of the rabbinical courts which they branded as highly

discriminatory towards women and intolerably inefficient. Professors of law and practising attorneys alike spoke of the urgent need "to end the suffering caused by the rabbinical courts to countless numbers of women in the country" who have been denied divorces or have been otherwise discriminated against.

"The present system of rabbinical courts simply does not function," said Dr. Ariel Rosen-Zvi, professor of law at Tel Aviv University. "The courts, by their approach, encourage extortion and do not address themselves to today's problems. Knesset members must be made to see that reform of these courts is imperative."

Rosen-Zvi, together with several other legal experts, including Dr. Ze'ev Falk and Dr. Michael Corinaldi, drew up and presented to the Knesset a series of concrete proposals for legislative measures aimed at reforming the rabbinical courts.

These proposals, their authors stress, do not deviate from the framework of Halacha and include suggestions for streamlining court procedures, ending their monopoly on divorce rulings, enacting laws which would force recalcitrant husbands to grant their wives divorces, and separating the issues of awarding alimony and child support from granting divorces.

"Since the Knesset is responsible for appointing judges to the rabbinical courts," declared Prof. Alice Shalvi, founder and head of the Women's Network, "it is the responsibility of the Knesset to supervise these courts, and, where necessary, introduce legislation for reform."

The rabbinical courts themselves either refuse, or are unable, to provide any statistics on their rulings, but the women's lobby has collected reports of hundreds of cases of women who they claim have been "imprisoned by the system."

Many of these cases involve women who have been waiting in vain for divorces for years. One woman who related her personal experience to the mainly female audience at the Knesset has been waiting for a *get* for 23 years; another, for 18.

Speakers at last week's Knesset event asserted that there are no adequate means within Israel's legal system for forcing a husband to give his wife a divorce if he does not wish to. If a woman has children by another man without having obtained a *get* — even if she has a civil divorce from another country — her

children are considered *mamserim* (bastards) and cannot, according to Jewish law, marry other Jews.

Woman after woman got up and testified during the session.

"After only four months of marriage, I realized that I had made a mistake," related one, whose husband had refused to grant her a divorce for 10 years.

"When I appealed to the chief rabbis," said the 34-year-old woman, "saying that I wanted to remarry and have children, I was told that if I want children, I should return to my husband."

"For 14 years," related another woman, "I have been forced to live a life of loneliness and isolation. After all these years of torment, all I want is my freedom."

Her husband had incurred enormous gambling debts, she told the audience, and since she is still legally married to him, her salary has been used to pay off the debts.

Several attorneys accused the rabbinical authorities of encouraging the practice of extortion by supporting the case of husbands who often hold out for huge sums of money from their wives in exchange for a *get*.

Na'amat attorney Sharon Shenhar recounted a recent case she had handled of a couple who had only been married a short time. There were no children or property, but the husband was demanding \$10,000 as the price of the *get*.

"When I told the court that this was an outrageous demand," Shenhar said, "one of the judges suggested that the woman pay 'only' \$5,000."

Other attorneys pointed to the failure of the existing legal system to deal with husbands who have skipped the country and refuse to pay alimony or grant their wives a divorce. They also criticized the "disgraceful inefficiency" of most rabbinical courts in the country, noting that "the judges arrive at 9:30 a.m. and leave at noon," they charged.

Said one attorney, "Each judge has 20-30 files to deal with. By my calculation, that leaves about seven minutes per case, while everyone outside in the waiting room is screaming. Court proceedings are never properly recorded, and reasons for decisions never given."

The Knesset is ultimately responsible for appointing rabbinical court judges. Attorney Elisheva Shaked pointed out that there has never been a woman on the Knesset appointments committee. Nor do

the courts have psychologists or social workers on hand to advise people.

"Rabbinical court judges are not required to have any knowledge of civil law — or even to possess a basic matriculation certificate," Shaked noted. "And when it comes to alimony and child support payments, a civil court will invariably award a higher sum. Non-observant women are particularly victimized by the system."

Rabbi Simcha Meron, former director of the rabbinical courts, told the audience at one point that the conference was "one-sided and distorted," although he admitted that bureaucracy is in need of some reform.

Meron accused the organizers of the conference of "exploiting these tragic stories," but was eventually booted off the podium.

Meron had been asked to address the conference by Etmunah, the religious women's organization, some of whose members were clearly unhappy about the proceedings.

"The Etmunah women perhaps want to preserve appearances, but they cannot deny — ostrich-like — that abuses exist," stated one of the conference organizers.

Despite the fact that at least half the members of the audience were religious, whenever a speaker mentioned the idea of the separation of religion and state, there was a great round of applause — a phenomenon that Prof. Shalvi found distressing.

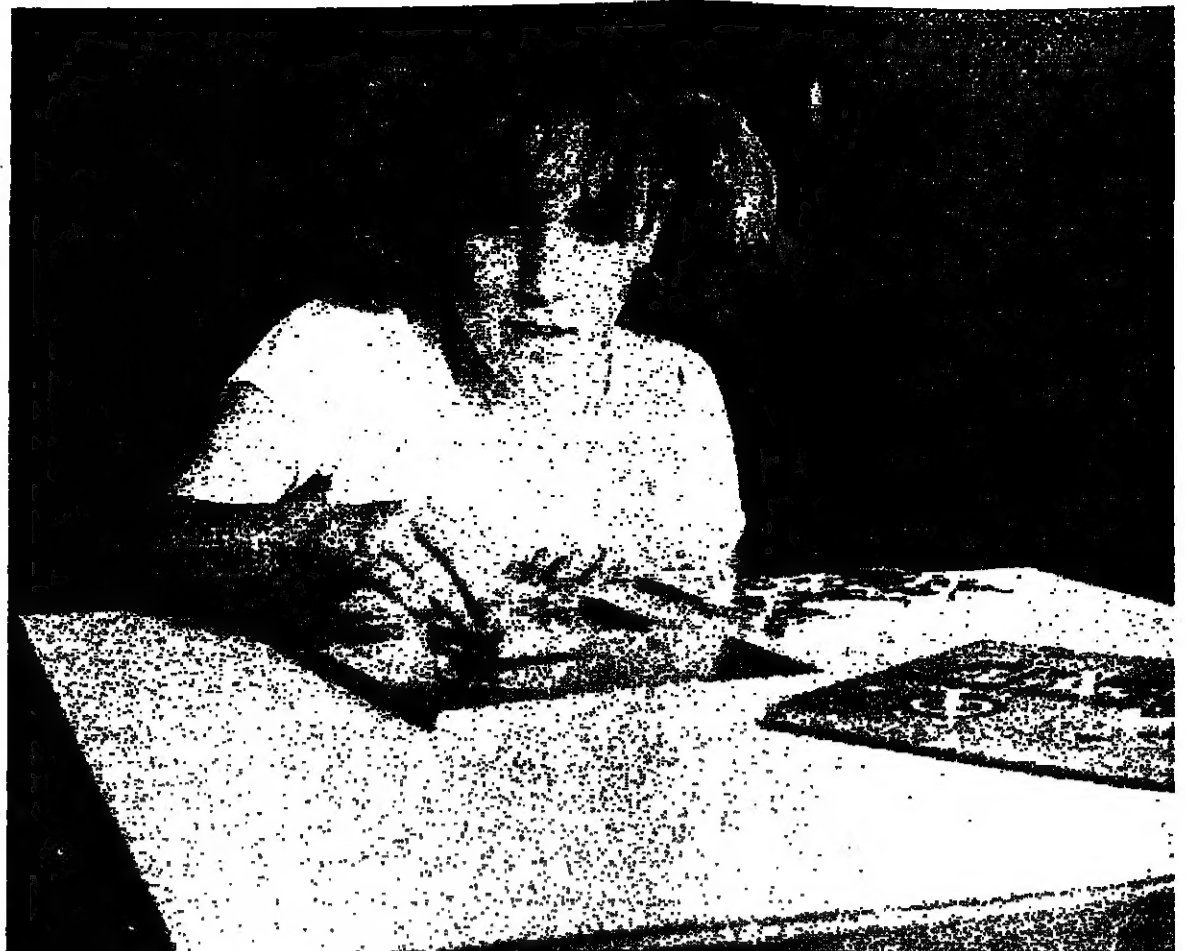
"This makes me very sad," she said. "I'm certain that if the rabbinical courts dealt with the issue of divorce more humanely, people wouldn't feel this way."

Prof. Rosen-Zvi agreed with Shalvi. "The problem is not Halacha," he asserted, "but who interprets it. The rabbinical courts today represent the narrowest view of Halacha."

Remarkably, Shaked, "The majority of the population is secular. Yet in matters pertaining to marriage and divorce, they must be dictated to by religious courts whose world view is not theirs and is simply inappropriate in modern times."

"I am not observant myself," continued Shaked, "but I believe there must be a way through Halacha to solve these problems, for the sake of the unity of the Jewish people."

The one-day event took place in the Knesset conference hall and was attended by several MKs.



At Moshav Udin's Shiluv camp.

Integrated approach

Lea Levavi hears about a very special kind of day camp which will be in operation this summer.

A CAMP to meet the special needs of children with minimal brain damage will be held this summer at Moshav Udin near Netanya. There will be a day camp programme of five hours a day, for 10 days and it will run for three consecutive sessions, starting on July 14, July 28, and August 11 respectively.

The camp is open to children with minimal brain damage who attend special classes in regular schools — not to children in special education institutions — and children between ages four and 13 will be considered.

Each session costs NIS 200. If a child wants to attend two consecutive sessions, babysitting will be provided for the Friday and Sunday between the end of one session and the Monday the next begins. This fee does not include the cost of transportation, which depends on where children live and on how many others are coming from the same area. It is estimated that within the Dan area (transport cannot be provided from further afield) the cost will be about NIS 60 per child.

The camp is the brainchild of Eitan Sharav, who became an occupational therapist after almost 30 years as a Ministry of Agriculture agronomist. "I had wanted to study psychology when I was young but, in

the kibbutz milieu where I grew up, psychology wasn't considered productive and I was ashamed. When the Ministry of Agriculture started cutting staff, I seized the opportunity for a midlife career change."

During his few years of experience in occupational therapy, Sharav has discovered that diagnostic and treatment services for this particular category of children do not begin to meet the needs. He explains that each child has a different specific problem, and since the agencies responsible have limited resources, the gap between what is needed and what is available is large. For example, the only available option during vacations is to attend a regular day camp, with special counsellors only sometimes provided. "In theory, that sounds great — integration with other children — but in practice these kids are always on the periphery. I want to give them a chance to be in the centre for once. You can't be integrated with others until you've had the chance to be yourself."

NEVERTHELESS, he calls the camp *Shiluv* (integration). "It's a gimmick in a way, because it could mean learning new skills and a first step toward integration with other children, both those with similar problems and those called normal."

Some camp activities will be the same as in other day camps, such as horseback riding or swimming. However, each child will spend an hour and a half (in three half-hour sessions spaced throughout the camp period) with an occupational therapist. For the child this will be play, but the therapist will be watching to see where the child has strengths and weaknesses. "We can then encourage one child to spend time in the sandbox, and another to use the trampoline or carousel, depending on what each child needs."

He has no illusions that 10 days in camp can solve the children's problems. "But people who go to a three-day psychology marathon accomplish more than they could in weeks or months of individual or group therapy, and I believe this will work on the same principle."

That is only the beginning of the story, however. His long-range hope is to establish an institute that will provide occupational therapy and other services to these children on a year-round basis. "The free services cannot meet their needs, and the private medical centres are too expensive for most people. I would like to create something in between."

Anyone interested in further information about the camp should contact Eitan Sharav at 053-54015.

When rape is a family affair

RONIT LEV-ARI, head of Na'amat's Centre for Prevention of Family Violence, revealed some shocking statistics about battered wives during a recent Na'amat symposium on family violence and new ways to treat it. A study of 595 families in her centre's caseload, found that in 31.8 per cent of the cases wives were raped by their husbands.

"Not all of these are cases which would technically be called rape," she hastened to explain. "The women greeted their teeth and silently accepted relations with their husbands because they knew terrible things would happen to them if they didn't." In over 30 per cent of the cases, violence occurs at least once a week, she added. More than half the women needed medical treatment as a result of injuries from beatings, and 17.2 per cent had miscarriages because of beatings during pregnancy.

"Pregnancy is assumed to be a happy time when husbands are considerate of their wives' needs," Lev-Ari said. "But actually, pregnancy is a time of tension and in those families where the behavioural norm is violence, this tension — like all others — is dealt with violently." Though she did not give statistics on this point, she said the centre has encountered cases where battered wives had children who were brain damaged perhaps as a result of the mother having been beaten during pregnancy.

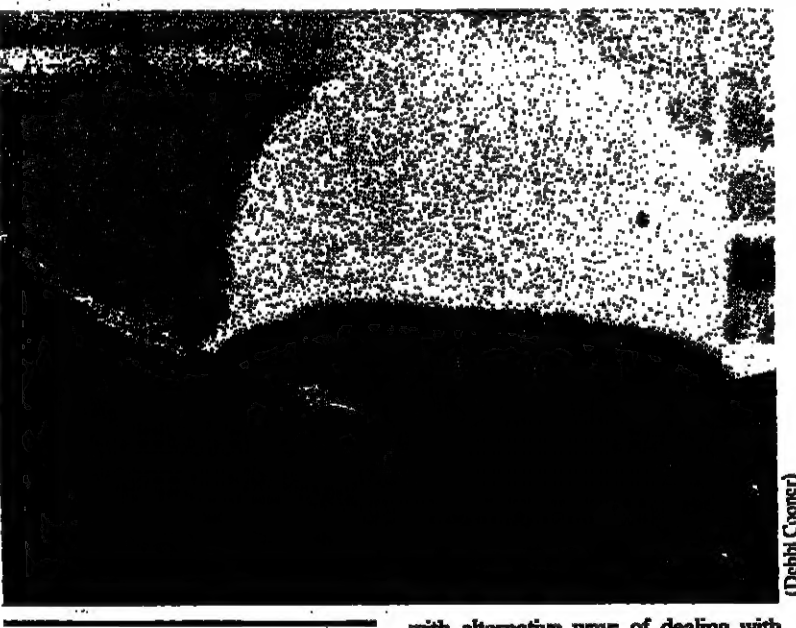
Over 11 per cent of cases involved premarital violence and "a jealous, suspicious, possessive boyfriend may be a future battering husband," she said.

Over 70 per cent of the battered wives in the study did not serve in the army, and 48.5 per cent married because of pregnancy — with some of them underage.

The study destroys myths about battering being related to ethnic origins or education. More than 15 per cent of the husbands and 21.9 per cent of the women are professionals. Thirty per cent of the women are housewives. As for ethnic origins, about 34 per cent of both husbands and wives are of European-American extraction.

LEV-ARI SAID some lawyers routinely send their women clients to the police to complain that their husbands beat them "in order to accumulate complaints against the husband." The result, she said, is that if a policeman realizes he has been fooled by one woman he will not take the next battering complaint seriously even if it comes from a woman who genuinely needs help.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev also raised this point in discussing why a policeman faces a dilemma as to whether to arrest a husband whose



Lea Levavi

wife has accused him of beating her. Tel Aviv District Court Judge Haim Porat has said that recent Supreme Court rulings have reduced the possibility of a woman getting an injunction to prevent her husband from entering the home. The injunction procedure was abused in the past, he said, and current restrictive rulings are a backlash.

Only 4.5 per cent of the husbands were arrested as a result of their wives' complaints to the police. About 28 per cent got off with warnings, but in the majority of cases no police action was taken against the husband.

Bar-Lev said police policy today leans more toward enforcement than in the past when the police preferred not to intervene in family quarrels. "The policeman faces a dilemma. If the woman says her husband may murder her, the policeman who arrests him may have to release him after 48 hours when he may be sufficiently angry to carry out his threat. On the other hand, if the husband isn't arrested, he may also murder his wife." He said policemen often try to establish peace between the spouses and take other action only if this seems impossible.

Lev-Ari is not so sure this is the right approach. Most husbands who come to her centre's workshops to kick the violence habit agreed to treatment only after being "encouraged" by the police or court. By agreeing to postpone criminal proceedings pending treatment, the police and the court provide motivation for seeking help. "There has to be a sanction, something lost by continuing violent behaviour," she explained. "But a sanction alone is not enough. If you tell a man not to beat his wife but don't provide him

with alternative ways of dealing with his problem, he won't be able to cope for very long."

While men are helped to stop being violent, their wives are in support groups learning new behaviour strategies too. "I don't blame the victim for getting beaten; violence is never justified," Lev-Ari said. "But by understanding the dynamics of why violent situations arise in the family, women can help their husbands behave differently."

SINCE VIOLENCE is learned behaviour, children in these families are learning it. Ninety per cent of the families in the study have children, Lev-Ari said, and they may grow up to be wife or child beaters if something is not done.

Judge Porat said the treatment provided by the Na'amat centre is very important but is only a drop in the bucket. Three thousand women between the ages of 16 and 68 have sought the centre's help since it opened three years ago, but only a few dozen men are so far enrolled in workshops for "unlearning" violent behaviour. The judge suggests dealing with some of the life stresses which lead to violence, preferably before the violence actually happens.

For example, violence starts in many households only after relations deteriorate to the point of one spouse wanting a divorce. "If *shlom bayit* (domestic peace) doesn't look feasible, time should not be wasted trying to achieve it. Instead, the couple should be helped to divorce quickly and be referred to social workers or other therapists for help. He expressed the hope that a family court will ultimately be established here so that the approach will be more therapeutic than adversary, something he also thinks would contribute to preventing increased violence.

Porat also said that if early marriages lead to violence, "the idea that marriage for a pregnant teenager is the lesser of the evils should be reconsidered. Family honour should not be the primary consideration if the marriage may be doomed to end violently." He added, however, that requests for permission for underage girls to marry have dwindled in recent years.

Na'amat Secretary-General Masha Lubelsky said she doesn't know if there are 30,000 or a 100,000 battered wives in Israel, nor does it matter. "Even though we've come a long way since the subject aroused ridicule in the Knesset a decade ago, I'm afraid we're still in the stage of settling for sensational statistics, an item in the papers, and not doing anything much beyond that," she said.

She called for a coordinated policy by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and the police to deal with the problem. "We would have liked to invite all three ministers but it's always difficult, and not only for technical reasons," she said.

The role of the Ministry of Education, she said, would be not only for technical reasons, "she said.

The role of the Ministry of Education, she said, would be not only to teach family life education in the classroom, but also to spot cases of family violence before the adults ask for help. The school system could get these parents into support groups, she said, and could also help the children. As for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, she sees its role as upgrading the physical conditions in shelters for battered wives and improving services to these families.

Na'amat's centre, located at 7 Rehov Esther Hamalka in Tel-Aviv, serves families from all over the country (including rare cases of battered husbands and less rare cases of battered children or battered elderly parents), but most of the clients come from the centre of the country. Lubelsky wants to see more centres opened, and not all by Na'amat. "Voluntary organizations are limited in what they can do; the main responsibility for helping families in this country falls to the government."

She said Na'amat is drafting legislation which will deal specifically with the problem of violence in the family, spelling out treatment and punishment options, and separating family violence from other types of assault. Judge Porat agreed such a law is needed but warned against seeing legislation as a panacea for a social problem.

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Germany, Israel form research fund

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Science and Development Minister Gideon Peit and German Research and Technology Minister Helmut Schmidt signed an agreement late Friday establishing a bi-national research foundation.

The foundation, which was discussed in principle by Prime Minister Peres and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl last year, will receive 150 million Deutschmarks in funds over four years, to be provided by the two governments on an equal basis.

The German Finance Ministry has refused to increase the Research and Technology Ministry's budget by the

19.5m. marks it needs to pay up the German share — thus the Research Ministry will have to take the funds from elsewhere in its budget. Ministry officials made clear, however, that the Finance Ministry's refusal to increase the budget was part of a general policy and had nothing to do with Israel as such.

The foundation is expected to provide some 9 million marks a year to finance Israeli-German scientific cooperation. Today, West Germany provides some 20m. marks annually for the financing of scientific cooperation with Israel. The foundation will add, rather than replace budgetary means for that purpose. Research Ministry officials stressed.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES

'Oldest' civil servant retires

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney ABRAHAM KIRYATI, the "oldest" civil servant in Israel, retired from the Ministry of Defense last week, ending a 46-year career there.

Kiryati, who is 65 years old, began working at the ministry in the days of former industry and trade minister Dov Yosef. Before that he served in the British army and in the IDF. Kiryati last served as deputy head of the ministry's Foreign Trade Administration.

Meanwhile, YEDIDYA COHEN, 49, has been appointed the Industry and Trade Ministry's Government Trade Department director, replacing Meir Yagil, who retired. Cohen received his bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Hebrew University, as well as a master's degree in business administration, and has served as economic attaché in New York and as the chief economist of the ministry's chemicals and minerals section.

ESTHER ROEMER, a veteran Swissair-Israel worker of 24 years, has recently been appointed manager of the airline's incoming tourism department. Roemer, who was born in Germany, was raised and educated in Israel and the U.S. For the past 10 years she has served as deputy

manager of Swissair's Ben-Gurion Airport outlet.

ARYE OSTRINSKI, the deputy director general of Israel Aircraft Industries, has been named executive chairman of the Israel Management Centre in Tel Aviv, and as a member of the centre's central executive board.

AVIGDOR KATZENELBOGEN, formerly assistant to the director of the Zion-Yehuda insurance group, has been chosen chairman of the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association (Limra). Limra, an international organization for the research and marketing of life insurance, includes 100 insurance companies and represents about 200,000 insurance agents.

COMPULSORY LOANS: In the lottery for the redemption of compulsory savings loans for 1976 B certificates, group two was selected. For 1977 B certificates, group one was selected and, for 1975 B certificates, group three was chosen. Certificates may be redeemed starting August 1.



Miniature golf at Ein Gev: They can come in the winter, too.

(Leon Minster)

Israel has led way out of world diamond recession

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Israel was the first to be hit, and perhaps the hardest hit, by the rapid downturn in the diamond market at the beginning of the decade; but once again it has demonstrated its resilience and certainly the Israeli diamond cutting industry has led the way out of the recession," Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman of the De Beers Consolidated Mines, said on Thursday. He was speaking at the closing of the 23rd World Diamond Congress, held here last week.

Ogilvie Thompson gave an optimistic estimate of the diamond industry's future at a dinner at Herzliya's Accadia Hotel, attended by Prime Minister Peres, ministers and Knesset members and some 500 delegates of the World Federation of Diamond Bourses and the International Diamond Manufacturers Association.

Israel, which expects to export \$1.5 billion in diamonds this year, has increased its diamond exports by 60 per cent in the past four years. Israel exports some 55 per cent of its

diamonds to the U.S. Defence Minister Rabin, who spoke on Thursday at the inauguration of the Harry Oppenheimer Diamond Museum at the Ramat Gan Diamond Bourse, noted that Israel's defence and diamond exports amount to 50 per cent of the country's industrial exports.

Summing up the congress, Bourse president Moshe Schmitzer said that the participation of the prime minister and several ministers indicated the importance of the diamond industry to the Israeli economy. He noted that the congress had the largest ever participation of diamond tycoons and diamond syndicate members, proving that Israel was on the world diamond industry map.

On Wednesday night, congress delegates were the guests of international diamond trader Willy Nagel, of London, at a fashion show and poolside dinner at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel with Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and De Beers Vice President Nicky Oppenheimer among the guests of honour.

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GERMANY	MARK	0.8900
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2180
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.6127
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.8491
SPAIN	PESETA	0.2120
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2018
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1866
FINLAND	MARK	0.2965
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0869
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	0.9567
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.5963
JORDAN	DINAR	4.2402
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MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY

Trouble for foreign banks in Egypt

By STEPHEN FIDLER

New business for foreign banks in Egypt is grinding to a halt as the country's economic problems grow, bankers and diplomats in Cairo say.

Some banks, mainly with representative offices in the Egyptian capital, have already pulled out. Three French banks, Credit Lyonnais, Credit Agricole and Banque Indosuez, have left along with Royal Bank of Canada and Britain's Midland Bank. New York-based Manufacturers Hanover has absorbed its representative office into its branch.

Two U.S. banks, Chase Manhattan and Bank of America, both want to sell their stakes in joint-venture banks here.

Bankers caution against viewing the departures as the start of a full-scale exodus, but the head of one foreign bank here commented: "It's difficult to see a clear way ahead in Egypt. We are all shrinking but we can only shrink so much before we have to think of closing down."

Foreign banks are forbidden from dealing in Egyptian pounds, and

their hard currency loans put a major burden on borrowers.

Credit problems emerged before 1983, but mounted as the economy weakened and the pound started to depreciate. Its fall of more than 35 per cent against the dollar in 1985 made it difficult for customers to cover loans with Egyptian earnings.

Bankers say a new central bank ruling, introduced last month, effectively stops them from issuing letters of credit to finance imports, the most attractive remaining line of business for many of them.

"I think that now, unless local currency business is given to the foreign banks, we will see a lot closing by the end of the year. The writing is on the wall," said one foreign banker.

To get around the risks of sharp fall in the value of the Egyptian pound, foreign banks have been granting letters of credit for Egyptian imports, which have been prepaid using Egyptian pound loans from locally incorporated banks. The central bank, apparently con-

cerned that this was being used to speculate against the pound, has ruled that the bank making the loan must be the one that makes the Egyptian pound loan.

Bankers hope the ruling, which shuts out the foreign bank from the process, will be reversed, as was one early in 1985 which forbade foreign currency letters of credit. They admit their institutions erred when, earning high profits, they lent freely to inexperienced businessmen. Now bankers say they are suffering the consequences, their problems heightened by a legal system which is both cumbersome and subject to petty corruption.

"I've cases going back to 1977," said the general manager of one foreign bank, "and I can't write the loan off until there's a court judgement."

AID — The U.S. should provide monetary aid to stabilize Lebanon's ailing economy, while helping the country seek a political solution, a former adviser to Lebanon's President, Amin Jemayel, said.

WHAT'S ON

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When no one has all the answers

DAVID TWERSKY

U.S. SENATOR Gary Hart (Democrat - Colorado), was the first prominent Western politician to propose the idea of a national unity government in 1984.

In March 1984 the budget debate in the Knesset provided the context for the fall of Yitzhak Shamir's coalition, and for the subsequent election and the emergence of the current Labour-Likud coalition. Earlier that same month, Hart told the Alabama state legislature that he believed "the only solution for this country's challenges in the 1980s is a government of national unity... rising above partisanship and ideology."

Hart was talking about the U.S., not Israel, which for reasons of its own ended up following his advice. Hart, who leads the polls for the Democratic presidential nomination, saw 1984 as "a watershed period where this nation has to decide not whether to move left or right, or even whether to become Democrat or Republican, but... whether to move to the future or the past."

Hart was basing his image and his ideas on a 1984 book by Theodore Sorensen, special counsel to John F. Kennedy, the president whom Hart consciously adopted as a model. Sorensen, an international lawyer well-known for his ties to the Democratic party, was closely involved with the Hart campaign.

In *A Different Kind of Presidency*, he develops the theme that the new, critical problems facing America could be solved only by a government enjoying bilateral cooperation and a wide base of political support.

For Sorensen, Hart was the perfect candidate - one whose appeal was generationally-based and who therefore needed an ideology emphasizing generational rather than traditional class, regional, racial or gender categories.

In order to prove his point, Sorensen draws a picture of America "governed" by inner paralysis. "The opposition party... is unable to speak with one voice. Its ideologies never trust the man in the White House. Its pragmatists never want to look like a pale carbon copy of the administration."

Thus, in opposition either party would follow the inexorable political logic into an increasingly strident

oppositionism rather than move to a problem-solving bilateralism. The system of checks and balances has degenerated into "all check and no balance," causing what Sorensen calls "political gridlock."

And the growth of single-issue organizations undermines "the kind of compromise that has traditionally held [the] country together... because they have no other marbles to trade". In addition, "old battles, like labour versus management, are joined by new battles, like snowbelt versus sunbelt and smokestack industry versus service industry."

A STRONG leadership needed to win these battles depends, in turn, upon the creation, "through compromise, [of] a national consensus that reaches beyond partisan politics." The solutions required are practical and are "not dependent on ideology, personality or political history."

In order to avoid the pitfalls of a polarized electorate and of leaders who, in Winston Churchill's phrase, "live in the temperamental atmos-

The two central lines of political conflict in Israel, the left-right in economic and social policy and dove-hawk in defence policy, have been superseded by recent events.

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But he fails to persuade us that the nature of the contemporary crisis facing America requires a model which has only worked in times of extreme national emergency.

THE NATIONAL unity concept should interest Israel not only because a prominent advocate, Gary Hart, has emerged as a major voice in American political discourse, but because of its obvious relevance to our own situation. Real events force nations to make decisions based on pragmatic, national considerations rather than unadulterated ideology.

The two central lines of political conflict in Israel, the left-right in economic and social policy, and dove-hawk in defence policy, with all of their twisting eddies and offshoots, have been superseded by recent events. Socialism, in whatever form, is not on the agenda; neither is unbridled, hands-off capitalism. The need to raise revenue and cut

regarding the question of the territories.

Attempts to define an acceptable centre - say, Prime Minister Peres's current approach to economic questions and the late Moshe Dayan's federalist approach to the territories - have not caught on. They merely became new positions competing for power, new trenches to defend.

If Israel and now France - whose government of President Mitterrand and Premier Chirac may be too new to use as a model - have embarked on voyages of government by both traditional large parties, it must reflect an emerging pattern within their electorates. Not the end of ideology, as once proclaimed by Daniel Bell in the wake of the collapse of Marxism as an intellectual force in America, but the limits of politics.

IN ISRAEL, the current period will soon yield new assumptions about democratic political behaviour. The country faces basic questions: how to stimulate economic growth and cut the budget; how to secure the

still survive in the national unity context. And that such a government can provide as many opportunities for avoiding difficult decisions as for making them.

Both Likud and, to a lesser degree Labour, remain more committed to advancing their own ideological solutions than in exploring the real, but narrow, margins for action. Both understand that those margins can expand, and Labour has therefore been rather more honest in evaluating policy.

Likud still talks annexation, but signed the option away at Camp David and came out for "national unity" before election day 1984. Shamir's call for post-election unity with Labour was not only good politics: it reflected the inner confusion of a party which had lost, and never regained, its way. Labour has shifted more easily into the "functional compromise" mode of thinking, since that preserves the possibility of diplomatic progress.

The "truce" between the parties (to use Lloyd George's term in arguing for a unity government in England) has been less of a truce and more of a muddled and undeclared war.

"There is only one duty," Churchill concluded, "only one safe course, and that is to try to be right." Of course, Churchill lost the election after the war, and today's politicians keep one eye always trained on the polls - just like Gary Hart will this week.

The solutions to the major problems facing Israeli society today remain elusive, and our leadership must waver "a guess in twilight," as Carl Sandberg wrote of Abraham Lincoln. Media experts and political advisers rarely counsel such a move.

The sense to guess right, and the ability to distinguish, in the darkness, between the national interest and the ideological fanaticism derive from the depth of the parties' historical perception and the breadth of their problem-solving pragmatism. Recent events - not only the distant past - demonstrate which large Israeli party has truer vision, and which remains blinded by the false light.

The writer is the editor of *Spectrum*, the Israeli Labour movement monthly magazine.

A mixed blessing

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

they were going to have to spend less on growing it. The new situation also encouraged or even gave rise to serious experiments in biological or bio-chemical pest control. Environmentalists breathed a sigh of relief as pesticide levels in fields, water sources and wildlife started to drop as well.

Now, many environmentalists fear that with the lower petrol prices - which will almost certainly be reflected in lower pesticide costs - the farmers will return to the over-use and even abuse of these chemicals that they have so often practised in the past.

ONE OF the main problems in Israel (and in most other countries) is that, despite a plethora of pesticide laws, there is really no control over their use; at least no control worthy of the name. Almost anyone (unless they somehow arouse the suspicions of the sellers) can buy virtually any quantity of any pesticide on the market and use it however he or she pleases.

Thus, the amount of dangerous organic phosphates, chlorinated hydrocarbons, carbamates and other substances in our environment are entirely a matter of the whim of the user - who may or may not be trained in their use or aware of their dangers. Thus materials specifically restricted to use on cotton suddenly become a popular spray for fruit trees, despite the fact that this is prohibited by law. And other materials that should only be used in specific ways for specific crops become part of the standard "shotgun remedy" for any agricultural problem.

WHEN PESTICIDES are cheap, they are widely used; but that is only a part of the picture. Cheaper pesticides will thus result in larger orders from abroad and the foreign marketing of pesticides and herbicides is one of Israel's largest and most profitable businesses.

As a citizen, I am as interested as the next person in seeing Israel export more and gain financial independence. Nonetheless, I am dismayed by the fact that these increases both in usage and production are going to happen while we still

have no proper disposal site for toxic waste. The facilities we have are a shame and a disgrace and a danger to life.

Nor have we yet managed to get the most dangerous pesticide-producing facilities out of a residential area in Beersheba, even though the presence of this plant is a threat to the health and very lives of its inhabitants. One serious fire could leave hundreds dead, crippled or mentally retarded. This is a plant that has already had accidents that were only, by the sheerest stroke of luck, contained in such a way that "only" plant employees were injured or killed.

If the lowered price of oil is going to produce this most predictable situation, then now is the time to create a proper disposal facility for toxic wastes. It is also the time to pass laws with teeth to govern the use of these chemicals, which, like the new low cost of petroleum itself, are a mixed blessing.



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Israeli swords for hire

THE INVENTIVE and improvising, not-so-beautiful Israeli has discovered a new and lucrative field of making a fast buck: the selling of Israeli know-how in fighting terror. Coming now on top of a variegated and often dubious international network of Israeli arms sales agents, the new attraction of offering Israeli commando and security service experts for hire and training is apparently aimed at boosting sophisticated Israeli weapons sales to all and sundry.

Apart from further tarnishing Israel's image as the source of international hit teams, this new venture also involves the danger of exposing most sensitive intelligence secrets to countries and organizations beyond Israel's control. For the instruction in the use of special Israeli weapons and fighting devices and their subsequent sales to various foreign outfits must divulge certain modes of operations which are best kept secret.

Israel television ought to be commended for having provided a comprehensive *expose* Friday night of this new international campaign of selling Israeli mercenaries under the guise of security guards and instructors. It is particularly disturbing that at the head of these various Israel-based international sales networks are some of Israel's most able generals and senior army officers who find nothing wrong in engaging in this profession.

One of the chief supporters of this swords-for-hire scheme is Aluf (Res.) Avigdor Ben-Gal, a former aspirant for the chief of general staff post who quit the army when he was not chosen as the top IDF commander. Like many other senior army officers, he did not waste much time out of uniform before he established his own weapon sales firm. Since then, traces of his new business enterprise can be found all over the world, from Latin America to Namibia.

His advice is that one should not be too pedantic and choosy when it comes to selling Israeli weapons abroad, and if including commando fighting and training in the package helps sales prospects, so be it. Some of the sales promotion films that were shown, depicting Israeli supermen as commando fighters and instructors, acting as terrorist kidnappers, were in the worst Hollywood-style hit team film tradition. But anything seems to go to boost sales.

Meanwhile, some of these firms advertise in the Hebrew press for Israeli men with a good fighting record and appropriate army experience for "interesting and challenging jobs abroad" with a starting salary of \$2,000 per month. A tempting proposition for young men who find it difficult to land a good job here.

The only person who spoke up strongly against this highly questionable venture was former deputy defence minister Mordechai Tzipori. He pointed out, rightly so, that what these men are selling is in fact the accumulated experience and know-how acquired during their years of military service. It is a national asset that is the fruit of long periods of special army training which should not be banded about in the world market of mercenaries, not to speak of the security hazards involved in this quite indiscriminate business.

At a time when every few weeks one hears of new allegations involving former Israeli officers in arms sales to Iran, no matter whether they operate in the U.S. or in Germany, it is high time that the defence establishment take a close look into these often shady enterprises.

After all, every able-bodied Israeli man is a soldier in the reserves until the age of 55 and requires a special permit from his army unit before he is allowed to go abroad. In his application he must state the purpose and length of time of his trip, after which he has to report back to his unit.

Since the men who would qualify as mercenaries abroad are by definition well-trained and much-needed reserve soldiers and officers in their respective units, it should not be too difficult to control their movements as far as the use of their military expertise is concerned. The same goes with much more emphasis for senior army reserve officers who engage in this enterprise. They must be told by the highest authority to restrain their rich business imagination before Israel's name will be dragged into some more embarrassing international scandals.

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could not check the baby, who died within 24 hours. A post mortem examination revealed that the baby had been infected from the mother, and that its condition could have been remedied easily by antibiotics.

Mary Pinto, one of the nurses' leaders, told of a premature baby who had died *en route* to another hospital because no nurse could be found to accompany it in the ambulance. Nurses who asked not to be identified told of several psychiatric patients who, because of inadequate supervision, had leaped to their deaths.

"We are opening this Pandora's box because doctors and those in charge of the health system have known about the situation for years. We used to believe that they would act, but if the situation has deteriorated to such a degree, we have no

choice but to reveal the truth," said one of the nurses.

They claimed that while 800 new nurses had been absorbed into the hospital system in 1979, only 83 new nurses joined their ranks in 1985. The nurses blamed the drastic fall off in numbers on their low wages and difficult working conditions. In 1979, nurses received massive pay hikes which were eroded by inflation within the year.

The nurses' strike is also exacting a heavy financial toll. Dr. Moshe Mashiah, head of the Health Ministry's Hospital Services, told *The Post* on Thursday that in the first 10 days of the strike, hospitals had lost some \$5 m. in revenues.

"Usually, 10,000 of the hospitals' 12,000 beds are occupied. The discharging of patients due to the strike brought the number of occupied beds down to 5,000," says Mashiah.

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away, before eventually arriving in England, where she married her first husband, a painter.

She later lived in Rome and Tokyo, where she allegedly had affairs with well-known Italian and Japanese film directors. She was later deported from Japan for being there without a work-permit.

Israeli police records indicate that she was involved in prostitution in Europe and Japan. In 1973, she was

imprisoned for five years in Hong Kong, after the attempted armed robbery of a Pakistani diamond merchant, whom she shot and wounded in the course of the robbery try.

In the late 1970s, Zehavi returned to Israel, where she married Giora Dozner. The couple had a daughter, today nine years old.

She divorced Dozner after two years and subsequently married Israelov.

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any such motion. Further, Peres believes that the Labour Party should wait for the High Court's decision on the petitions concerning the affair, which is expected towards the end of next week.

This week, the Shin Bet legal advisers are expected to submit affidavits to the court explaining why and how

they asked for the presidential pardon given them, their chief, Avraham Shalom, and the Shin Bet officer who sat on the Zorea Commission.

It is the legality of that pardon, and the "deal," whereby Shalom agreed to resign in exchange for the pardon, which are at stake in the High Court hearings. One petition asks the court to order a police investigation of the affair.

READERS' LETTERS

TRUE PICTURE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - In my opinion, Louis Rapoport's articles from the USSR are the best, most honest and truthful reports ever published in Israel about Jews in Russia. It is only one year ago that I managed to leave that nightmare called *refugee*. For me, those years of complete despair, horror and broken hopes are over. But thousands and thousands of Jews whose only desire is to live in Israel and whose only sin is to be Jewish continue their desperate fight for freedom.

Unfortunately, for most Westerners, including Israelis, these are only empty words. People cannot fathom what the dark reality of everyday life is like in Russia. Louis Rapoport has achieved the impossible: he has shown what that reality is like. He has written with understanding about the human suffering involved.

During the years of refusal, the only thing that sustains us is the hope that Israel needs us and that we are not forgotten. For many of us, Israeli citizenship is our best and only tangible sign of support.

Israelis must know the facts about the position of Jews in the USSR. Louis Rapoport has brought the truth to them. In the name of all the captive Israelis, I would like to thank him and *The Jerusalem Post*.

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THOUGHT-PROVOKING

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - I always enjoy David Twersky's articles. They are well written and clarify the various political issues of the day. However, "Chernobyl duality" (June 19) was exceptional: beautifully phrased, thought-provoking and moving.

HONI ROSEN
Ein Shemer.

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - It was with keen interest that I read Macabee Dean's article of June 2, "Demography and housing," since my own field of study in the U.S., including housing in urban areas, also involves matters of interest to women. The data included is of much importance for the development of public policy. But what is most surprising and unfortunately 'unproven' is the string of remarks attacking women for the problems he discusses.

Firstly, the decline in housing demand is blamed on women and specifically, "the women's liberation movement." Women are having fewer children - true, but don't men also have something to say? Women are marrying later. Do men have no relationship to this decision?

Secondly, Mr. Dean reports that "some contractors" (what a scientific statistic!) claim that when a wife has a choice between another child or trip abroad or a car - she takes the car "even if this means an abortion." Such an unproven generalization requires at the very least good data and more careful journalism. The writer's bias distorts the intellectual quality of Israeli women and the family.

Thirdly, where is the evidence that abortions are due to the women's liberation movement? As a frequent visitor and careful observer of Israel, I believe the article presents a most distorted analysis of housing and women in this country. I urge the author to be fairer in his future essays.

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Macabee Dean comments: It has been my sad experience that social scientists are just as biased (or unbiased) as the rest of mankind, including journalists.

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Generally, these social scientists hide their bias under a scientific smoke screen, but the learned professor has abandoned the "data" path - perhaps because she has none - preferring to accuse the other side of unsupported generalizations.

As to the points the professor makes: Don't men have any say in women having less children? A very brief survey - admittedly of only three husbands - shows that each couple discussed the matter as equals until he (the husband) agreed with his wife.

Don't men have anything to say

AIPAC ACHIEVEMENTS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, - There is only one way to define dovish Knesset Member Ora Namir's report of May 25 about her recent trip to the U.S. - negativism.

It is evident that she arrived with a preconceived poor impression of the strongest and most effective American Jewish political force for Israel (Aipac), reinforced it after discussion with American Jews critical of Aipac and, after returning to Israel, announced that (1) Aipac's performance will surely be counter-productive for Israel's relations with the U.S., (2) she will do her utmost to see that Labour rectifies the situation, and (3) she believes that pro-Herut elements influence the organization.

Does Namir consider the following major Aipac achievements counter-productive for Israel's relations with the U.S.?

1. Aipac has been the main educational force, on college campuses all over the country, to help Jewish students obstruct the expanding extensive effort of students from Arab countries (now about 50,000) to poison the minds of America's fu-

ture non-Jewish leaders against Israel.

2. Aipac also educates those students how to become effective politically as students, and also afterwards when they settle in communities around the nation. This builds continuity of involvement that will be needed to sustain legislation and foreign policy friendly to Israel.

As a result of those efforts and others, there are many more friends of Israel in the House and Senate than ever before.

3. Aipac lobbying has contributed greatly to the increase in military and economic aid to Israel to the current range of about \$3.5 billion, and to the change from loans to grants. There will likely be cuts in the coming fiscal year as part of an across-the-board reduction in expenses. But Aipac will be influential in minimizing the reduction in allocations for Israel.

Namir, how can all of the above efforts hurt Israel's relations with the U.S.?

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